

VENEPUNCTURE

Student Number:

2096191

Examiner Name:



	Marks	
Correct test selection <i>iron studies</i> Requests FBE as correct initial test (0 OR 3) If the student chooses an incorrect test, provide him or her with the correct answer to proceed with the station	Out of 3 0	-3
Prepares the patient for the procedure Explains to the patient why the venepuncture is required (1), explains what the venepuncture will involve (1), asks if the patient has an allergy to adhesive tape (1), positions the patient for the procedure (1) ✓	Out of 4 3	-1
Prepares the equipment Sets out the equipment required for the procedure (1), selects the correct assay tube (0 OR 2), labels the assay tube with the patient's full name and the date (2), attaches needle to syringe or equivalent (1) ✓	Out of 6 2	-4
Prepares for the venepuncture Puts on gloves (1), applies tourniquet above the patient's elbow with adequate pressure, placing fingers beneath the buckle as it is tightened to avoid pinching skin (2), selects a suitable vein (1), swabs area with alcohol swab (1) ✓	Out of 5 3	-2
Collects venous specimen Inserts needle with bevel pointing upwards (1) and at an appropriate angle [approx 30° - 40°] (1), advances needle until there is a flash back (1), advances the needle a few millimetres further at a less acute angle (1), withdraws an adequate amount of blood (1), loosens tourniquet immediately (0 OR 2) ✓	Out of 7 6	-1
SUBTOTAL	Out of 25	
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Carry over subtotal	Out of 25
Completes the procedure Places cotton wool over puncture site (1), withdraws needle from vein (1), applies pressure to the puncture site (1), secures cotton ball with tape (1), disposes of needle safely in sharps bin (1)	Out of 5 4
Technical Skills Award a mark out of 5 for the technical aspects of the physical examination, taking into account whether the student: demonstrated a systematic approach to the task, appeared confident, displayed dexterity with psychomotor skills, talked the patient through the procedure, appeared to have practised the procedure	Out of 5 1
Examiner Questions 1. What abnormality does this haematology report show? Hypochromic (1) microcytic (1) anaemia (1) 2. What blood test would you now request? Iron studies or ferritin (0 OR 2) rheumatoid serology	Out of 5 2
TOTAL	Out of 40

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-4
-3
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Please circle your overall impression of this student

Recommend:	UNSATISFACTORY	BORDERLINE	SATISFACTORY
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Had real difficulty applying tourniquet. Unclear if he normally uses different apparatus. Was also unfamiliar with vacutainer and needle adaptor devices. May have had practice with other devices but had extreme difficulty with the procedure