



**LOCAL ANESTHESIA CANDIDATE
CLINICAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
FOR MOCK BOARD TESTING ONLY**

CANDIDATE
ID LABEL

EXAM SITE _____
DATE _____
CAN ID _____
SUBMISSION _____

EX# 1

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EX# 2

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CATEGORIES	IA & PSA			
*1. Medical History	Younger than 18		Dentist, dental hygienist, educator	High Blood Pressure
	Health condition/medication		Active tb	Heart attack, stroke, cardiac surgery
	No medical clearance pregnancy		Cocaine within 24 hrs.	ASA Class III that poses risk
	IV bisphosphonate current or past history		Absolute contraindication to anes/vaso	

CATEGORIES	R	L	IA	R	L	PSA
*1. Oral Conditions			Missing mandibular premolars contralateral side			Missing maxillary second molar
			Intraoral sore/puncture mark at injection site			Intraoral sore/puncture mark at injection site
			Orofacial herpes			Orofacial herpes
*1. Anesthetic & Syringe Selection			Long acting anesthetic			Long acting anesthetic
			High concentration vasoconstrictor			High concentration vasoconstrictor
			Self-aspirating, non-threaded syringe			Self-aspirating, non-threaded syringe
2. Syringe Preparation and Handling ¹			Incorrect armamentarium			Incorrect armamentarium
			Syringe improperly prepared			Syringe improperly prepared
			Syringe in patient’s sight			Syringe in patient’s sight
*3. Penetration Site			Contaminated needle			Contaminated needle
			3 unsuccessful penetrations			3 unsuccessful penetrations
			Too superior			Too anterior
			Too inferior			Too posterior
			Too medial			Not in mucobuccal fold
			Too lateral			
*4. Angle And Depth			Barrel too distal			Barrel of the syringe not at 45-degree angle to the midline and/or 45-degree angle to the occlusal plane
			Barrel too mesial			
			Angle too high			
			Angle too low			
			Too shallow		Too shallow	
			Too deep		Too deep	
*5. Aspiration			Small window is toward Candidate			Small window is toward Candidate
			No aspiration observed			No aspiration observed
			Improper handling of positive aspiration			Improper handling of positive aspiration
*6. Amount And Rate			Too much anesthetic before aspiration			Too much anesthetic before aspiration
			Too fast			Too fast
*7. Tissue Management			Excessive bending/bowing of the needle or tearing/laceration of tissue			Excessive bending/bowing of the needle or tearing/laceration of tissue
*8. Recapping			Improper recapping			Improper recapping
*9. Sharps Disposal			Improper disposal			Improper disposal
			☐ PASS ☐ FAIL	☐ PASS ☐ FAIL		

¹Three (3) validated errors in Category 2—Syringe Preparation and Handling constitutes failure of the examination.

RESOURCE: Evaluation categories reflect **Patient Criteria** and **Grading Criteria** sections as listed in the **Clinical portion** of the [Local Anesthesia Candidate Manual \(link\)](#).