

# Mosby: Mosby's Nursing Video Skills

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## PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST FOR MEASURING OXYGEN SATURATION WITH PULSE OXIMETRY

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1. Verified health care provider's orders.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Gathered necessary equipment and supplies.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Performed hand hygiene.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Provided for patient's privacy.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Introduced self to patient and family, identified patient using two identifiers, compared identifiers with information on patient's ID bracelet.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. Ensured intervention was appropriate, cleansed stethoscope.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Selected appropriate site for sensor placement.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. Assessed capillary refill, selected alternative site if necessary.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. Positioned patient comfortably, instructed patient to breathe normally.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. Attached sensor to monitoring site, reassured patient that clip-on probe would not hurt.	_____	_____	_____	_____
11. Turned on oximeter.	_____	_____	_____	_____

12. Observed pulse/waveform intensity display, listened for beep, correlated oximeter pulse rate with patient's radial pulse, left sensor in place appropriate length of time, read the SpO<sub>2</sub>, discussed findings with patient.

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13. If monitoring continuously, determined limits for SpO<sub>2</sub> and pulse rate, verified alarms were preset and on, assessed skin integrity at appropriate intervals.

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14. If monitoring intermittently, removed probe, turned oximeter power off, cleaned probe and stored sensor in appropriate location.

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15. Performed hand hygiene.

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16. Compared SpO<sub>2</sub>, with patient's previous baseline and acceptable range.

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17. Recorded SpO<sub>2</sub> in appropriate log, indicated type and amount of oxygen therapy used by patient during assessment, recorded signs of alteration in oxygen saturation, reported abnormal findings to health care provider, compared results with patient's baseline or previous values.

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