

## PACU SKILLS CHECKLIST

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 – Highly skilled** (can function well independently, strong experience)

**2 – Proficient** (experienced, may need occasional review/assistance)    **3 – Limited Skill** (limited to no experience)

**PACU**

Skills (check appropriate box)	1	2	3	Skills (check appropriate box)	1	2	3
Admissions of Patient				Assessment of Skin Color			
Discharge of Patient				Pain Evaluation			
Physical Assessment				Operation of Infusion Pumps			
Post-Op Documentation				Dressing Change			
Cardiac Monitoring				Cast Care/Observation			
• Recognize Normal Waveform				Assessment of Breath Sounds			
• Interpretation of Arrhythmias				Airway Management			
Set up & calibrate invasive monitoring				Suctioning			
Arterial pressure				• Oral			
• CVP (Central Venous Pressure)				• Nasal			
• PCWP (Pulmonary Capillary Wedge Pressure)				• Nasotracheal			
• ICP (Intracranial Pressure)				• Endotracheal			
Troubleshoot Monitors				Respiratory Obstruction			
Care of Arterial Line				Laryngospasm			
Discontinuing Arterial Line				Bronchospasm			
Withdrawal of Arterial Blood				Atelectasis			
Care of CVP Line				Assisting with Intubation			
Blood Pressure Monitoring:				Extubation			
• Doppler				Nasal Cannula			
• Palpation				Ventilator Management			
• Manual Cuff				Assessment of Tidal Volumes			
• Automatic Cuff				Troubleshooting			
• Arterial				Management of:			
Cardiac Drug Administration				• Respiratory Emergencies			
Drug Interactions/Side Effects				• Cardiac Emergencies			
Assessment of Peripheral Pulse				• Shock			
				• Hypertensive Crisis			
				• Infectious Patient			