



Simulation Exercise: Assessing Breathing

The purpose of this exercise is to differentiate between patients who are breathing adequately and those who are in respiratory failure.

Part 1

The first part of this exercise involves describing the components of the respiratory assessment and how the findings help identify respiratory failure. Complete the table below before entering the simulation station.

	HOW TO ASSESS	FINDINGS THAT INDICATE RESPIRATORY FAILURE
CHEST RISE		
RESPIRATORY RATE		
LUNG SOUNDS		
WORK OF BREATHING		
OTHER ASSESSMENT (describe)		



Simulation Exercise: Assessing Breathing

Part 2

You will be presented with 5 patients. Please complete one section below for each patient. Describe your observations in detail for each assessment component.

Patient 1

Chest rise _____

Respiratory rate _____

Lung sounds _____

Work of breathing _____

Other observations _____

Possible cause(s) _____

Patient 2

Chest rise _____

Respiratory rate _____

Lung sounds _____

Work of breathing _____

Other observations _____

Possible cause(s) _____

Patient 4

Chest rise _____

Respiratory rate _____

Lung sounds _____

Work of breathing _____

Other observations _____

Possible cause(s) _____

Patient 5

Chest rise _____

Respiratory rate _____

Lung sounds _____

Work of breathing _____

Other observations _____

Possible cause(s) _____

Patient 3

Chest Rise _____

Respiratory rate _____

Lung sounds _____

Work of breathing _____

Other observations _____

Possible cause(s) _____