

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)		



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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.

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Chest rise	Patient 5
Respiratory rate	Chest rise
Lung sounds	Respiratory rate
Work of breathing	Lung sounds
Other observations	Work of breathing
Possible cause(s)	Other observations
Dallant 2	Possible cause(s)
Patient 2	Patient 3
Chest rise	Chest Rise
Respiratory rate	
Lung sounds	Respiratory rate
	Lung sounds
Work of breathing	Work of breathing
Other observations	
Possible cause(s)	Other observations
	Possible cause(s)
Patient 4	
Chest rise	
Respiratory rate	
Lung sounds	
Work of breathing	
Other observations	
Possible cause(s)	