



Ear Lavage Competency Checklist

Name: _____

Date: _____

REQUIRED PERFORMANCE	Proficient?	
	YES	NO
Procedure:		
1. Check patient name and birthdate for proper patient identification		
2. Wash hands		
3. Maintains privacy for patient and explains procedure		
4. Correctly explains instructions and diary/log use to patient.		
5. Gently assess the cerumen impaction with the otoscope		
6. Place disposable chucks on the patients shoulder, tucking them into shirt.		
7. Fill a kidney basin with room temperature water.		
8. Place another kidney basin under the ear being flushed. Have the patient hold the basin or ask another staff member to help.		
9. Use a 60 cc syringe to draw up warm room temperature water.		
10. Gently place the syringe in the ear canal and flush the ear canal.		
11. Allow water and debris to flow into basin.		
12. Point the stream of water from the syringe towards the cerumen impaction.		
13. After each basin is empty recheck the ear for cerumen with otoscope.		
14. Wash hands.		
15. Inform provider of completed ear lavage.		

Evaluator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____