

Suggestions for performance evaluation

with the **LIFEPAK® 15** Monitor/Defibrillator

Manual defibrillation with **QUIK-COMBO®** therapy electrodes or standard (hard) paddles

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Reviewer: _____ Date: _____

This Performance Evaluation is an assessment of a trained user's ability to perform defibrillation with the LIFEPAK 15 monitor/defibrillator. This is a limited evaluation and does not cover all information and skills required to operate the device safely and effectively. This checklist is designed to be completed after viewing the inservice DVD or observing an equipment demonstration given by a qualified instructor. For complete information, review the LIFEPAK 15 monitor/defibrillator Operating Instructions. References to buttons are in **bold** and screen display messages are indicated in *italics*.

Performance evaluation	Complete	Incomplete	Comments
1. Verifies that the patient is in cardiopulmonary arrest.			
2. Presses ON .			
3. Prepares patient's skin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bares patient's chest. • Removes excessive chest hair. • Wipes skin clean and dry. • Briskly wipes the skin with a towel or gauze. • Ensures alcohol, benzoin and antiperspirant are not used on skin sites. 			
4. Connects the therapy electrodes to the therapy cable and confirms cable connection to the defibrillator.			
5. Applies therapy electrodes or standard paddles to patient in the anterior-lateral position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places the ♥ therapy electrode or APEX paddle lateral to the patient's left nipple in the midaxillary line, with the center of the electrode in the midaxillary line. If using standard paddles, applies conductive gel prior to placing on skin. • Places the other therapy electrode or STERNUM paddle on the patient's upper right torso, lateral to the sternum and below the clavicle. 			
6. Confirms desired energy is selected, or presses ENERGY SELECT or rotates the SPEED DIAL to select the desired energy. On the standard paddles, rotates the ENERGY SELECT dial.			
7. Presses CHARGE .			
8. Makes certain all personnel, including the operator, stand clear of the patient, stretcher, bed, and any equipment connected to the patient.			
9. Confirms ECG rhythm requires defibrillation. Confirms available energy.			
10. Presses the ⚡ (SHOCK) button on the defibrillator or the ⚡ (SHOCK) buttons on the standard paddles.			
11. Cancel (Optional): Presses SPEED DIAL to cancel charge.			
12. Starts CPR according to established protocol. Presses CPR to activate CPR Metronome.			
13. At the end of CPR period, observes the patient and the ECG rhythm. If an additional shock is necessary, repeats the procedure beginning at Step 6.			

