

## Continuous assessment form

### The ABCDE approach to assessment of the sick child

### Basic life support with bag/mask ventilation

Structure Skill description	Process Specific action competently demonstrated	Outcome Desired skill outcome	Assessment Please tick	
			Achieved	Not achieved
Patient assessment using the ABCDE approach	Systematic use of the ABCDE approach	Identify and treat any immediate problems/request appropriate assistance		
Infant/child basic life support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ SSS ABC approach</li> <li>→ Airway opening with head tilt/chin lift appropriate for age and assessment of breathing</li> <li>→ *Effective delivery of rescue breaths with appropriate self-inflating bag</li> <li>→ Appropriate assessment for signs of circulation</li> <li>→ Delivery of chest compressions appropriate to age of child</li> <li>→ Rapid reassessment of ABC and clarification that further assistance has been summoned</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Prioritises safety of self and casualty</li> <li>→ Assessment of responsiveness</li> <li>→ Opens airway appropriate for age to determine presence/absence of 'normal' breathing</li> <li>→ Delivery of effective rescue breaths</li> <li>→ Correct assessment of need for chest compressions</li> <li>→ Support for circulation during cardiac arrest</li> <li>→ Safe ongoing management of situation</li> </ul>		
Gives handover to senior staff member on arrival	Gives a structured handover	Can organise reflective thoughts		

<b>Candidate name:</b>	<b>Assessors Name:</b>
Achieved assessment outcome: <b>Yes / No</b>	Date:

\*For staff based in community settings, it may be appropriate to substitute rescue breaths delivered via an appropriate barrier device.