

Skill 21-2 Measuring the Temperature with a Tympanic or Temporal Artery Thermometer

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1. Carries out Standard Steps A, B, C, D, and E as need indicates.

☐☐**For Tympanic Thermometer**

2. Readies tympanic thermometer unit and places probe cover over the probe.
3. Inspects ear canal and places probe in auditory canal appropriately positioning the pinna.
4. Steadies tympanic thermometer unit.
5. Reads tympanic temperature accurately and removes probe from ear.
6. Discards probe cover.
7. Returns probe to base of tympanic thermometer unit.

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8. Removes the cap and checks that the lens is clean.
9. Positions the probe flush on the center of the forehead midway between the eyebrows and the hair line.
10. Presses and holds the scan button.
11. Keeps the sensor flat on the skin, lightly slides the thermometer across the forehead to the hairline.
12. Releases the scan button and removes the thermometer.
13. Records the tympanic or temporal artery temperature accurately.
14. Carries out Standard Steps X, Y, and Z.

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Comments:

Instructor: _____