

CET Crosswalk 2017 to 2026

2017 task	2017 Text	2026 task	2026 Text (Variances)
<u>Domain 1</u>	<u>Safety, Compliance, and Coordinated Patient Care</u>		
1A	Adhere to HIPAA regulations.	1A	Adhere to HIPAA regulations.
1B	Adhere to infection control practices (e.g., OSHA, universal precautions).	1B	Adhere to infection control practices (e.g., standard precautions, transmission-based precautions).
1C	Adhere to scope of practice and comply with ethical standards.	1C	Adhere to scope of practice and comply with ethical standards.
1D	Communicate appropriately with patients and members of the multidisciplinary health care team.	1D	Communicate effectively with patients, families/caregivers, and members of the multidisciplinary health care team.
1E	Obtain and interpret patient vital signs.	1I	Measure and assess vital signs.
1F	Instruct patients about preparation for and expectations during stress testing.	1F	Educate patients about pre-test protocols and procedures (e.g., stress testing, ambulatory monitoring) and confirm their understanding.
1G	Instruct patients on use of ambulatory monitoring (e.g., Holter, event), and verify their understanding.	1F	Educate patients about pre-test protocols and procedures (e.g., stress testing, ambulatory monitoring) and confirm their understanding.
1H	Utilize electronic medical records/electronic health records (EMR/EHR) to input patient information (e.g., patient history, medications, vitals, completed EKG).	1L	Input patient information (e.g., patient history, medications, vitals, completed EKG) into the electronic health record (EHR).
1I	Recognize signs and symptoms of cardiopulmonary compromise.	1J	Report signs and symptoms requiring further evaluation (e.g., cardiopulmonary compromise, altered mental status, diaphoresis).
<u>Domain 2</u>	<u>EKG Acquisition</u>		
2A	Maintain EKG equipment (e.g., load paper, replace clips, disinfect machines and leads).	2A	Maintain various types of equipment (e.g., load paper, replace clips, disinfect/sterilize machines and leads).
2B	Verify EKG machine settings (speed, gain).	2B	Verify equipment function and machine settings (e.g., calibration, speed, gain, lead selection).

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2C	Prepare skin for electrode placement.	2E	Prepare skin for electrode placement, including addressing factors that may cause artifacts.
2D	Position patient for cardiac testing (e.g., 3-, 5-, 12-lead, stress test, telemetry).	2D	Position patient for cardiac testing (e.g., supine, semi-Fowler's, prone).
2E	Apply electrodes and attach leads for:	2F	Review provider's order and apply electrodes to patient using anatomical landmarks and attach leads for:
2E1	Standard 12-lead EKG	2F1	Standard 12-lead EKG
2E2	Ambulatory (e.g., Holter, event) monitoring	2F2	Ambulatory (e.g., Holter, Event) monitoring
2E3	Stress testing	2F3	Stress testing
2E4	Telemetry	2F4	Telemetry
2E5	Patients who have special considerations (e.g., right-sided heart, posterior chest, amputations, pediatric)	2F5	Patients who have special considerations (e.g., dextrocardia, posterior chest, amputations, pediatric, pacemaker)
2F	Verify that all leads were recorded.	2G	Verify that all leads were recorded.
2G	Identify and resolve artifacts from the tracing (e.g., wandering baseline, somatic, electrical).	2H	Identify, troubleshoot, and resolve interference and artifact(s) from tracing.
2H	Mount a completed EKG tracing strip for patient's chart.	2L	Mount completed EKG tracing strip to patient's chart if paper system is used.
2I	Assist in monitoring patient condition during stress testing.	2I	Assist in monitoring patient condition during stress testing.
2J	Provide support in responding to complications during stress testing.	2J	Provide support in responding to complications during stress testing.

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Domain 3	EKG Analysis and Interpretation		
3A	Calculate patient's heart rate from the EKG tracing.	3B	Calculate patient's heart rate from the EKG tracing.
3B	Determine the regularity of the patient's heart rhythm from the EKG tracing.	3A	Inspect EKG tracing to determine regularity of the patient's heart rhythm.
3C	Measure EKG intervals and waveforms (e.g., PR interval [PRI], QRS duration, QT interval).	3D	Identify, measure, and interpret EKG intervals and waveforms.
3D	Inspect the waveform characteristics (P waves, QRS complexes, ST segments, T waves) for symmetry, direction, and amplitude.	3C	Verify tracing quality and lead accuracy prior to interpretation or escalation.
3E	Identify arrhythmias (sinus, atrial, ventricular, junctional, heart blocks) from the EKG tracing.	3E	Identify arrhythmias on EKG tracing.
3F	Recognize pacemaker spikes on an EKG tracing.	3G	Recognize pacemaker spikes on EKG tracing.
3G	Identify ischemia, injury, and infarction on the EKG tracing.	3F	Recognize EKG patterns indicative of ischemia, injury, and infarction and report findings according to protocols.
3H	Take appropriate action when life-threatening arrhythmias are identified.	3H	Take necessary action when life-threatening arrhythmias are identified.

New Tasks

2026 Task	2026 Text	Will students have learned this content when preparing to take the current exam?	Notes
1E	Greet patient and verify identity using patient identifiers prior to cardiac testing.	Yes	
1G	Obtain and document implied or informed (verbal or written) consent.	Yes	
1H	Assess patient's overall health status.	Yes	
1J	Report signs and symptoms requiring further evaluation (e.g., cardiopulmonary compromise, altered mental status, diaphoresis).	Yes	
1K	Use proper body mechanics when moving or lifting patients.	Yes	
2C	Ensure privacy and provide instructions on removing clothing or accessories that may interfere with electrode placement.	Yes	
2K	Electronically transmit tracing to patient's chart, verifying two patient identifiers.	Yes	