

## Performance expectations for the **RESPIRATORY SYSTEM** practical

**Explain the procedure and report the results to the patient for each exam. You will have 8 minutes to perform the following from memory:**

1. Demonstrate appropriate professionalism and demeanor when speaking with the patient/proctor.
2. Properly introduce yourself to the patient/proctor and explain the procedures you will perform.
3. Assuming that you have already performed a case history, properly perform the **inspection** of the respiratory system (all divisions of the thorax, lips, nails, etc.). Verbalize your observations.
4. Properly perform an assessment of respiration and report the rate, rhythm, and depth.
5. Properly perform **palpation** of the thorax:
  - a. Thoracic expansion on the posterior thorax
  - b. Tactile fremitus of the posterior and lateral thoraces
6. Properly perform global **percussion** of the lateral and posterior thoraces:
  - a. Include diaphragmatic excursion on the posterior thorax after global percussion
7. Properly perform **auscultation** of breath sounds of the lateral, posterior, and anterior thoraces.
8. Be prepared to answer questions posed by the proctors concerning normal and abnormal examination results.
9. Patients will wear gowns during the examination.
10. Bring your stethoscope.