

# Administering Aural Medication

*Participant must talk through practicum steps with judge.*

CRITERIA	Points Possible	Points Earned
<p>The student successfully administered the proper amount of medication into the ear canal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student reads medication bottle to determine proper dose – 4 pts</li> <li>• Student places the patient in sitting or sternal position on exam table or floor and restrains patient. – 4 pts</li> <li>• Student holds the pinna of the ear upright at a 90 degree angle and slightly back – 4 pts</li> <li>• Student counts each drop of medication during administration – 4 pts</li> <li>• Student does not touch the ear with the medication dispenser – 4pts</li> </ul>	20	
<p>The student massages the base of the outside of the ear canal causing a swishing sound from the medication moving around in the ear canal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student identifies the ear canal by placing one finger in front of the ear and one finger behind the ear. – 5 pts</li> <li>• Student massages the base of the ear canal against the head in a circular motion – 3 pts</li> <li>• Student massages for five seconds. – 2 pts</li> <li>• Student checks for a swishing sound – 5 pts</li> </ul>	15	
<p>The student wipes any solution that may have leaked onto the outside of the ear flap or hair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student checks for leaked solution – 5 pts</li> <li>• Student uses a clean cotton swab or gauze – 5 pts</li> <li>• Student wipes any solution on the outside of the earflap or fur – 5 pts</li> </ul>	15	
TOTAL POINTS	50	