Evaluation of Neonatal Expanded Role Nurses - Problem-Solving Skills Oral Examination Scenarios


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Problem-solving Oral Exam

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Brief Description of Instrument – Scenarios developed for evaluation of neonatal APN. Tests problem solving skills. Originally used with first year and graduate students. Administered as a structured oral exam.

Administration time – 20 min x 4 problems, 10 minutes to score, 1.5 hours total.

Scale Format – Problem scenarios with presenting situation, clinical data, and investigations.
**Administration Technique** – Administered by neonatologist. Each participant was examined using 4 problems.

**Scoring and Interpretation** – Hypothesis generation, data gathering and interpretation, knowledge, interim problem formulation, issue identification and self-assessment ability rated on 7-point scale ranging from “minor problems” to “superior” Please see evaluation form in PDF.

**Content & Face Validity** – Developed in consultation with neonatal researchers, educators and practitioners. Screened for content by neonatologist and clinical nurse specialist.

**Notes for Consideration** – Scenarios and some information contained in exam is dated. Requires updating. Format may be helpful for those developing evaluation of NP education.

**Published APN Studies using instrument** – See original citation.