



RESPIRATORY DISTRESS							
ADULT	PEDIATRIC						
BLS Procedures							
<p>Assess Vitals. Obtain spO₂. Oxygen. Titrate to SPO₂ to 94% or higher. Assess lung sounds. Provide calming measures.</p>							
<p>CPAP 5 cm H₂O</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Titrate cm H₂O to patient tolerance. Max of 10 cm H₂O. 	Oxygen therapy as appropriate						
ALS Standing Orders							
<p>Follow BLS procedure if applicable. Consider ECG & 12-lead. IV/IO Access as needed. Obtain EtCO₂.</p>							
Wheezing/Bronchospasm							
<p>Albuterol 2.5 to 5 mg Nebulized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May repeat once. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AND/OR</u></p> <p>Duo-Neb Nebulized (Ipratropium 0.5 mg/Albuterol 2.5mg).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May repeat once. <p><u>If no improvement, and Severe Asthma is suspected cause:</u></p> <p>Epinephrine (1:1,000) 0.3 mg IM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single Dose Only 	<p>Albuterol 2.5 to 5 mg Nebulized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May repeat once. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AND/OR</u></p> <p>Duo-Neb Nebulized (Ipratropium 0.5 mg/Albuterol 2.5mg).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May repeat once. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>If no improvement</u></p> <p>Epinephrine (1:1,000) 0.01 mg/kg IM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total max dose 0.3 mg Single Dose Only 						
Pulmonary Edema (CHF)	Stridor						
<p>Apply CPAP as appropriate.</p> <p>Consider Albuterol 5 mg Nebulized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For CHF patients with COPD/Asthma history May repeat once. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SBP greater than 100</u></p> <p>Nitroglycerin Sublingual. Dose dependent on systolic blood pressure ranges:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">SBP of 100 to 150</td> <td>mmHg – 0.4 mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SBP of 150 to 200</td> <td>mmHg – 0.8 mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SBP of 200 or higher</td> <td>mmHg – 1.2 mg</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reassess vitals after each Nitroglycerin dose. Repeat the dose associated with blood pressure range every 5 minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May repeat x2. Discontinue if SBP falls below 100. 	SBP of 100 to 150	mmHg – 0.4 mg	SBP of 150 to 200	mmHg – 0.8 mg	SBP of 200 or higher	mmHg – 1.2 mg	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mild to Moderate Symptoms</u></p> <p>Normal Saline 2.5-5 mL Nebulized.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Severe Stridor Symptoms</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Less than 10 kg</u></p> <p>Epinephrine (1:1,000) Nebulized 0.5 mg/kg of 1 mg/mL concentration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add 3 mL Normal Saline for volume. No repeat <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Greater than 10 kg</u></p> <p>Epinephrine Nebulized (1:1,000) 5 mg of 1mg/mL concentration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No repeat
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<u>Special Considerations</u>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPAP is the first line and preferred treatment for pulmonary edema. Aggressive treatment with CPAP is encouraged for moderate to severe CHF exacerbation. 							
<u>Base Hospital Orders Only</u>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Base Hospital physician for additional treatment that exceeds written protocol 							