

## 8.09 PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

### BLS Treatment

- Position of comfort.
- NPO.
- Assess circulation, airway, breathing, and responsiveness.
- **Oxygen** as indicated.
- Provide Spinal Motion Restriction as indicated or position of comfort as indicated.
- Appropriately splint suspected fractures/instability as indicated.
- Bandage wounds/control bleeding as indicated.

### ALS Treatment

**Current American Heart Association Guidelines concerning Emergency Cardiac Care assessments and interventions shall always take precedence over local protocols when there is a conflict concerning techniques of resuscitation.**

- IV / IO of **Normal Saline** at TKO.
- **Albuterol**
- If severe distress and / or no relief with **Albuterol**: administer **Epinephrine**.