

2.11 RESPIRATORY DISTRESS: BRONCHOSPASM

BLS Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Position of comfort.• NPO.• Oxygen as indicated.
ALS Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish IV/IO of Normal Saline TKO.• Monitor O2 saturation.• Albuterol. Repeat as needed until relief of symptoms.• For patients with severe refractory bronchospasm who are less than 50 years old and /or NO history of coronary artery disease or hypertension; administer:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ IM Epinephrine○ If no response to IM Epinephrine or patient is in extremis: IV Epinephrine.• Follow Protocol 7.01 Airway Management for advanced procedures as indicated.
Base Hospital Contact Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To administer Epinephrine to patients \geq 50 years of age.• If additional Epinephrine administration is needed beyond max dose.