



PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)



Escambia County, Florida - ALS/BLS Medical Protocol

This protocol is used for patients with a history of emphysema and/or chronic bronchitis that complain of dyspnea.

If, at any point, the patient's respiratory status deteriorates, consider [CPAP](#) or [intubation](#) and administration of [Albuterol](#) via CPAP or the ET tube, with [nebulizer](#), and transport immediately.

Supportive Care

1. [Medical Supportive Care Protocol](#), including [pulse oximeter](#) and [capnography](#).

ALS Level 1

1. If bronchospasm is present: [Albuterol](#) (Ventolin) [nebulizer](#) treatment containing 0.5 ml (2.5 mg) of Albuterol mixed with 2.5 ml normal saline.
2. If bronchospasm continues, repeat Albuterol (Ventolin) nebulizer treatment containing 0.5 ml (2.5 mg) of Albuterol mixed with 2.5 ml normal saline.
3. If bronchospasm continues, repeat Albuterol (Ventolin) nebulizer treatment containing 0.5 ml (2.5 mg) of Albuterol mixed with 2.5 ml normal saline.
4. Consider need for [intubation](#).

ALS Level 2 (*Physician Authorization Required*)

None



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