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