



SUSPECTED PNEUMONIA



Escambia County, Florida - ALS/BLS Medical Protocol

Patients complaining of dyspnea should be suspected of having pneumonia when they present with fever, productive cough, possible pleuritic chest pain, history of being bedridden, known immuno-compromise, diabetes, elderly and lung sounds indicative of consolidation (rales and/or rhonchi with egophony over area of consolidation).

Supportive Care

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

ALS Level 1

1. Avoid use of diuretics.
2. If bronchospasm is present: Albuterol 1 nebulizer treatment containing 0.5 ml of Albuterol with 2.5 ml normal saline.
3. Consider need for [CPAP](#).

ALS Level 2 (*Physician Authorization Required*)

None



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