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