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# ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

ALWAYS USE BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

## INDICATIONS

- Increased respiratory rate or sensation of difficulty breathing that is not clearly due to the clinical entities specified in other guidelines. Symptoms may be due to pneumonia, inhalation of toxic substances, pulmonary embolus.

## TREATMENT

- ALS RMC
- Position of comfort
- Consider CPAP with decreased SAO<sub>2</sub>

## DOCUMENTATION- ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

- Pulse oximetry

## RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

- CPAP Procedure ALS PR 13