

LCFD

OFFLINE MEDICAL CONTROL

Protocol 913: NEEDLE DECOMPRESSION PROCEDURE

PARAMEDIC ONLY

INDICATIONS:

Patients with signs of PNEUMOTHORAX associated with SHOCK or HYPOTENSION.

PROTOCOL:

ORGANIZES necessary equipment.

- a. Alcohol/iodine wipes
- b. Angio 12-16 ga. (longest length available)
- c. 10cc syringe
- d. Tape
- e. Find LANDMARKS – 2nd intercostals space, midclavicular line on the affected side.
- f. Insert needle over top of 3rd rib at 90-degree angle
- g. ASPIRATE for air while advancing needle.
- h. After entering pleura and getting air return, remove syringe and needle.
- i. CHECK for air movement.
- j. Securely tape catheter.
- k. REASSESS breath sounds every 2-3 minutes.

OFFLINE MEDICAL CONTROL APPROVAL



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