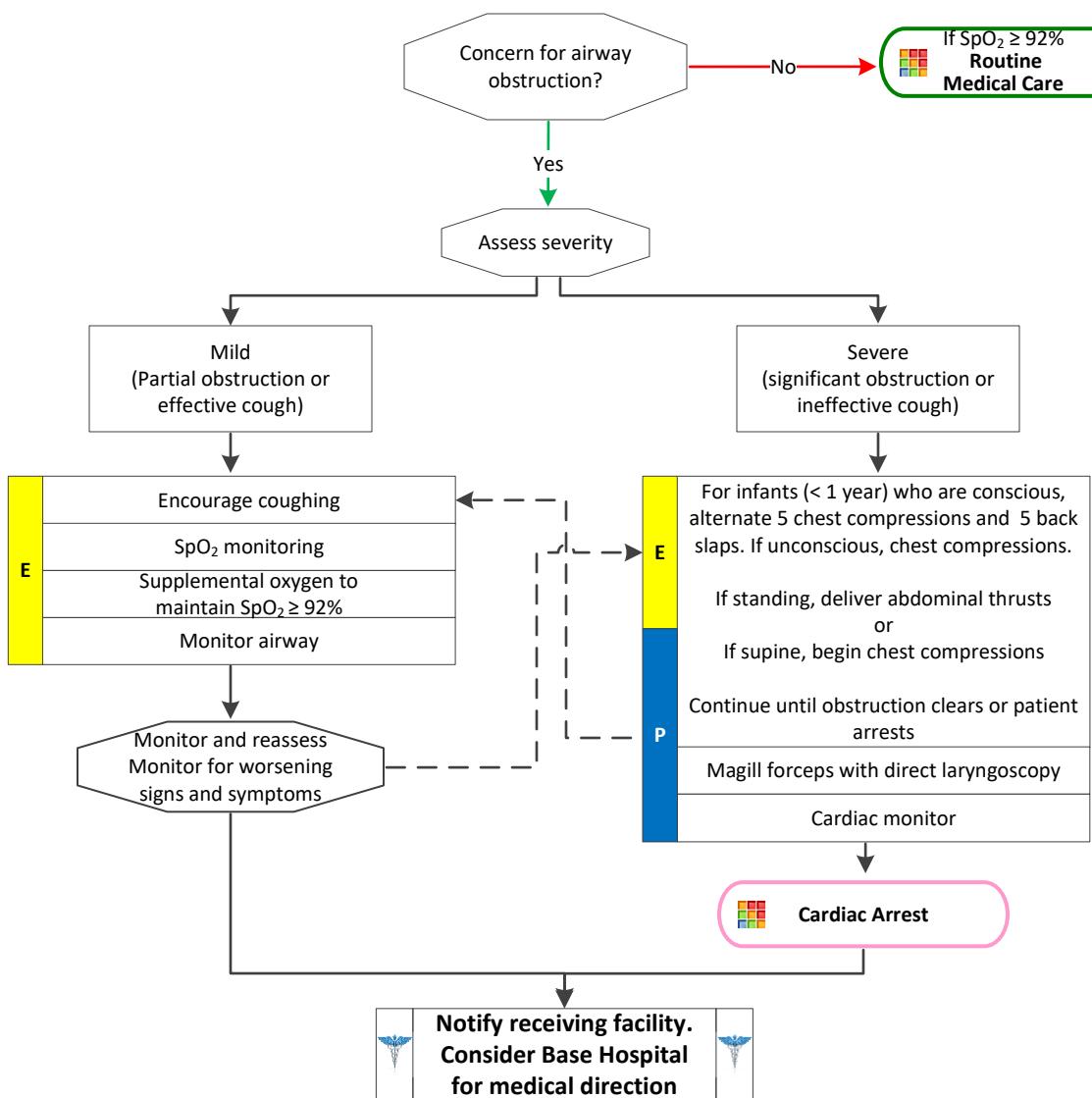


Pediatric Airway Obstruction/Choking

For any upper airway emergency including choking, foreign body, swelling, stridor, croup, and obstructed tracheostomy

History	Signs and Symptoms	Differential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sudden onset of shortness of breath/coughing Recent history of eating or food present History of stroke or swallowing problems Past medical history Sudden loss of speech Syncope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sudden onset of coughing, wheezing or gagging Stridor Inability to talk Universal sign for choking Panic Pointing to throat Syncope Cyanosis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign body aspiration Food bolus aspiration Epiglottitis Syncope Hypoxia Asthma/COPD CHF exacerbation Anaphylaxis Massive pulmonary embolus



Pearls

- Bag valve mask can force the food obstruction deeper.
- If unable to ventilate, consider a foreign body obstruction, particularly after performing proper airway maneuvers.
- Advanced airways are only approved for patients that do not measure on the length-based tape.

