

2.12 RESPIRATORY DISTRESS: ACUTE PULMONARY EDEMA

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BLS Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Position of comfort.• NPO• Oxygen as indicated.
ALS Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply CPAP as indicated.• Obtain 12 lead EKG.• Establish IV/IO with Normal Saline TKO.• Nitroglycerin• If SBP < 90 mmHg, signs of hypoperfusion or cardiogenic shock, administer Dopamine Epinephrine (or available alternate).• Follow Protocol 7.01 Airway Management for advanced procedures as indicated.

Comments
<p>DO NOT administer Nitroglycerin to patients who have taken a phosphodiesterase inhibitor (erectile dysfunction drug) within the following time frames:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sildenafil (Viagra, Revatio) or Vardenafil (Levitra, Staxin) < 24 hours○ Tadalafil (Cialis, Adcirca) < 48 hours