



**ADULT RESPIRATORY
AR-05**

PULMONARY EMBOLISM

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History and Physical:

Historical Findings	Physical Findings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Recent surgery▪ Thrombosis/embolism▪ Recent travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dyspnea, sudden onset▪ Leg pain/swelling▪ Chest pain▪ Hemoptysis▪ JVD▪ EKG Findings: A-fib, tachycardia

Assessment:

- Respiratory Assessment
- Differential Diagnoses: Asthma/COPD, Pneumonia, Pneumothorax, CHF/MI

Clinical Management Options:

Interventions	Pharmacology
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Oxygen therapy as appropriate▪ Vascular Access as indicated▪ Fluid bolus PRN<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Assess for pulmonary edema▪ Noninvasive ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Norepinephrine infusion 2-10 mcg/min<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Use IV pump○ Mix 4mg in 1000ml○ Administer if patient remains hypotensive 5 minutes after fluid bolus