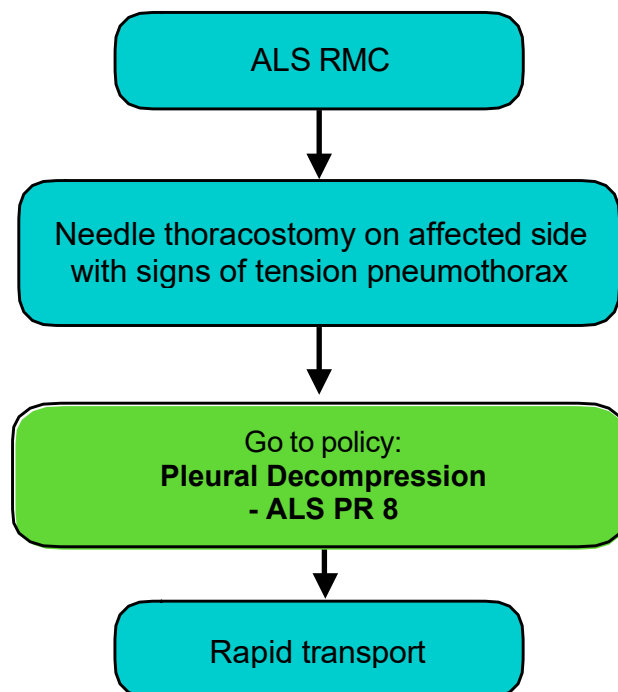


PNEUMOTHORAX/TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX

Indications

Acute onset of respiratory distress with decreased unilateral or bilateral breath sounds. Signs and symptoms may include the following:

- Extreme dyspnea
- Neck vein distention
- Agitation
- Hypotension
- Cyanosis
- Hyperresonance to percussion on affected side
- Tracheal shift away from the affected side



SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Condition may be precipitated by the following:

- Trauma
- Pre-existing lung disease
- Cancer related treatment
- Marfan's syndrome