

Respiratory: Acute Asthma

EMR

- ABC and vital signs
- Airway management with **oxygen** therapy maintaining a SaO₂ of 94-98% through titration

EMR STOP

EMT

- Determine if patient has utilized his/her own asthma medications
- ***Albuterol** 2.5 mg in 3 ml (unit dose) via nebulizer, may repeat times 2, may double the dose in severe cases
- May administer ***Atrovent** 0.5 mg with second Albuterol (if necessary) or as an individual nebulized treatment.

EMT STOP

EMT IV

ADVANCED EMT

- Vascular access

EMT IV / ADVANCED EMT STOP

Key Points/Considerations

- Remember, “all that wheezes is not asthma!” Consider allergic reaction, airway obstruction, pulmonary edema, COPD exacerbation