

Respiratory: Acute Pulmonary Edema

EMR

- ABC and vital signs
- Airway management with **oxygen** therapy maintaining a SaO₂ of 94-98% through titration
- Sit patient upright, if possible

EMR STOP

EMT

- CPAP, if equipped.
- ***Albuterol** 2.5 mg in 3 ml (unit dose), if wheezes are present
- Consider ***Atrovent** 0.5 mg if additional breathing treatments are needed. May be given with Albuterol or as an individual nebulizer treatment.
- Cardiac Monitor, 12 Lead EKG, if available

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EMT STOP

EMT IV

ADVANCED EMT

- Vascular access

EMT IV / ADVANCED EMT STOP

Key Points/Considerations

- All patients with rales do not have pulmonary edema — consider the possibility of pneumonia or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) exacerbation