

## Respiratory: COPD Exacerbation

### EMR

- Establish and maintain airway, vital signs.
- Administer **oxygen** @ 2-4 L/min via Nasal Cannula.
- Assist patient with their own medications as appropriate
- Monitor SaO<sub>2</sub> & attempt to maintain at 90%
- If patient is in extreme distress, increase oxygen therapy, maintaining a SaO<sub>2</sub> of 94-98% through titration



**EMR STOP**

### EMT

- \***Albuterol** 2.5 mg in 3 ml (unit dose) via nebulizer or ET tube; may repeat to a total of three doses
- Consider \***Atrovent** 0.5 mg if additional breathing treatments are needed. May be given with Albuterol or as an individual nebulizer treatment.
- Consider CPAP
- Cardiac Monitor, 12 Lead EKG, if available

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**EMT STOP**

### EMT IV

#### ADVANCED EMT

- Vascular access



**EMT IV / ADVANCED EMT STOP**