

# **Treatment Protocol: : INHALATION INJURY**

# Base Hospital Contact: Required for severe respiratory distress unresponsive or not amenable to CPAP

- 1. Assess scene for safety
- 2. Use appropriate PPE
- 3. Remove from environment if potential for ongoing exposure
- 4. Assess airway and initiate basic and/or advanced airway maneuvers prn (MCG 1302)
- 5. If patient awake and alert, place in position of comfort
- Administer Oxygen prn (MCG 1302)
   High-flow Oxygen 15L/min for all patients with smoke inhalation, carbon monoxide exposure, or severe respiratory distress due to airway injury, regardless of SpO<sub>2</sub> ①
- 7. Advanced airway prn (MCG 1302)
- If patient has an Unmanageable Airway (MCG 1302) Initiate immediate transport to the EDAP and CONTACT BASE
- 9. Assess for signs of trauma If traumatic injury suspected, treat in conjunction with *TP* 1244-*P*, *Traumatic Injury*
- 10. For airway burns, treat in conjunction with TP 1220-P, Burns
- 11. For suspected carbon monoxide exposure, treat in conjunction with *TP 1238-P*, *Carbon Monoxide Poisoning*
- 12. For suspected exposure to hazardous materials including cyanide toxicity, treat in conjunction with *TP 1240-P*, *HAZMAT*
- 13. For airway edema and/or stridor:
  < 1 year old: Epinephrine (1mg/mL) 2.5mL via neb per MCG 1309 ①</li>
  ≥ 1 year of age: Epinephrine (1mg/mL) 5mL via neb per MCG 1309 ①
  Repeat x1 in 10 min prn
- 14. For wheezing/bronchospasm (consider also for cough):
  < 4 year of age: Albuterol 2.5mg (3mL) via neb per MCG 1309 ①</li>
  ≥ 4 year of age: Albuterol 5mg (6mL) via neb per MCG 1309 ①
  Repeat x2 prn

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**CONTACT BASE** for additional Albuterol after maximum dose administered

- 15. Initiate CPAP for alert patients with moderate or severe respiratory distress, size longer than the length-based resuscitation tape (e.g., Broselow Tape<sup>™</sup>),
  Hold CPAP for patients with hypotension, suspected pneumothorax, upper airway edema/obstruction, or other contraindications (MCG 1315) ②
- 16. Initiate cardiac monitoring prn (MCG 1308)
- 17. Establish vascular access prn (MCG 1375)
- 18. For poor perfusion (MCG 1355):
   Normal Saline 20mL/kg IV rapid infusion per MCG 1309
   For persistent poor perfusion, treat in conjunction with TP 1207-P, Shock/Hypotension





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# SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Consider blow-by to avoid agitation in pediatric patients if a mask cannot be tolerated (e.g., infants and toddlers).
- While CPAP may be used in pediatric patients, current ALS equipment does not support use of CPAP in pediatric patients who are not longer than the Broselow Tape<sup>™</sup>.

