RESPIRATORY DISTRESS - BLS

RMC

Secure and maintain airway

Request ALS assistance

Adequate airway/respiratory effort?

YES, RR ≥10

Assess lung sounds. Wheezing?

YES

Albuterol 2.5 mg mixed with Atrovent 0.5 mg via nebulizer¹
Repeat Albuterol as needed

BLS Non-Transport

Prepare for transport and contact Medical Control as appropriate

BLS Ambulance

Transport and contact Medical Control as appropriate

NO, RR < 10 and/or decreased LOC

Assist airway with ventilation via BVM
Suction

NOTE: Complete lack of breath sounds may indicate severe bronchoconstriction

¹ – If available

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