

Condition	Assessment	Interventions Required	Follow-Up/Evaluation
Breathing Difficulty	Risk Level: Urgent	Immediate Intervention	
Also see care pathways on- CHF COPD MI	Severe unrelieved shortness of breath and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive shaking <input type="checkbox"/> Pain <input type="checkbox"/> Hemoptysis <input type="checkbox"/> Productive cough with purulent sputum <input type="checkbox"/> Severe SOB with wheezing <input type="checkbox"/> Sudden chest pain, pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular heart beat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Call 911 ~or~ <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to ED confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Support provided via phone until 911 personnel arrived <input type="checkbox"/> Contact MD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Home Health staff notified
	Interventions Required	Interventions Required	
	Shortness of breath and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fever <input type="checkbox"/> Orthnopnea <input type="checkbox"/> Swelling in feet & ankles <input type="checkbox"/> Persistent cough with small amount of hemoptysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Make home visit <input type="checkbox"/> Contact MD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Home Health Staff notified
	Risk Level: Non-Urgent	Interventions Required	
Occasional SOB and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue <input type="checkbox"/> Flu/cold symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate care with primary nurse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule on-site visit for next day <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up phone call 	

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