

Condition	Assessment	Interventions	Follow-Up/Evaluation
<b>COPD</b>	<b>Risk Level: Urgent</b>	<b>Immediate Intervention</b>	
Also see care pathway on COPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reports very severe dyspnea and/or sudden onset of dyspnea at rest and with exertion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> In addition to severe dyspnea, reports other s/s potential of a COPD exacerbation:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Increased cough</li> <li>*Wheezing &amp; chest tightness</li> <li>*Increased amount of sputum</li> <li>*Decreased exercise tolerance</li> <li>*Malaise</li> <li>*Sleepiness/confusion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Call 911 ~or~</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to ED confirmed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Support provided via phone until 911 personnel arrived</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact MD</li> </ul>	
	<b>Risk Level: Potentially Urgent</b>	<b>Interventions Required</b>	
	Client with COPD and significant co-morbidities reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Moderate dyspnea at rest or with exertion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased cough</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chest discomfort</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased sputum</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nausea and/or vomiting</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Restlessness</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cyanosis</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New onset fluid retention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make home visit</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact MD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Home Health Staff notified</li> </ul>
	<b>Risk Level: Non-urgent</b>	<b>Interventions Required</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mild dyspnea at rest or with exertion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increased cough</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate care with primary nurse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule on-site visit for next day</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up phone call</li> </ul>	

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