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Protocol	4.2.3 Asthma - Pediatric	Last Reviewed/Update Date	
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Asthma is considered an obstruction of the lower airway. Care should be focused on adequate oxygenation, ventilation and medication administration to improve breathing. Respiratory emergencies are life threatening in the pediatric population; it is critical to be alert for early signs of decompensation.

1. Baseline care standards.
2. Place patient in a position of comfort and reassure the patient.
3. Administer high flow oxygen.
4. Assist with prescribed metered dose inhaler if the patient has one.
5. If wheezing persists administer:
 - a. *Albuterol 2.5mg in 3cc Normal Saline-* by nebulizer.
 - b. Patient may receive continuous *Albuterol nebulizer* treatments until breath sounds are clear.
6. Monitor vital signs and airway closely.
7. Consider that a reduced respiratory rate may indicate fatigue and pending respiratory failure.
8. Transport with the appropriate response.
9. Consider ALS intercept for additional pharmacological interventions or advanced airway procedures.

Medical Director's Signature

Date

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