

EL DORADO COUNTY EMS AGENCY PREHOSPITAL PROTOCOLS

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Scope: BLS/ALS – Adult



EMS Agency Medical Director

CHF/PULMONARY EDEMA

BLS TREATMENT

ABCs / ROUTINE MEDICAL CARE – place patient in sitting position with legs down. Be prepared to support ventilation with appropriate airway adjuncts.

Administer at appropriate flow rate. If patient is in obvious respiratory distress high flow oxygen via non re-breather mask is indicated.

If patient is in severe distress attempt to assist breathing with BVM after explaining procedure to patient.

PROTOCOL PROCEDURE: *Flow of protocol presumes that condition is continuing. If patient is in severe respiratory distress due to excessive fluid in the lungs, immediate, rapid transport is essential with treatment performed en route.*

ALS ALGORITHM

