

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
 POLICY/PROCEDURE/PROTOCOL

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SUBJECT: TREATMENT PROTOCOL -
 RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

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Note:

- If any patient has taken an erectile dysfunction medication such as Viagra, Cialis, and Levitra within 48 hours, NTG is contraindicated.
- May encounter patients taking similar medication for pulmonary hypertension, usually Sildenafil (trade name: Revatio, Flolan, Veletri). NTG is contraindicated in these patients as well.
- Use caution with CPAP in patients with COPD, i.e., start low and titrate pressure.
- Epinephrine IM: use caution if known cardiac history or history of hypertension or BP >150 or age >40
- Fireline Paramedics (FEMP) without access to oxygen may use MDI delivery for albuterol in place of nebulizer