

Clinical Indications:

Patients experiencing bronchospasm.

Procedure:

1. Gather the necessary equipment.
2. Assemble the nebulizer kit.
3. Instill the premixed albuterol into the reservoir well of the nebulizer.
4. Connect the nebulizer device to oxygen at 4 - 6 liters per minute or adequate flow to produce a steady, visible mist.
5. Instruct the patient to inhale normally through the mouthpiece of the nebulizer. The patient needs to have a good lip seal around the mouthpiece.
6. The treatment should last until the solution is depleted. Tapping the reservoir well near the end of the treatment will assist in utilizing all of the solution.
7. Monitor the patient for medication effects. This should include the patient's assessment of his/her response to the treatment and reassessment of vital signs, EKG, and breath sounds.

Certification Requirements:

- EMT, EMT-I, EMT-P
- Successfully complete a skill evaluation for this procedure at least once during the certification period.