

## CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)

1. Allow patient to assume position of comfort.
2. Administer low flow **O<sub>2</sub>**. Increase flow, as needed.
3. Apply cardiac monitor and establish IV/IO access.
4. Consider administration of unit dose **albuterol (Ventolin<sup>®</sup>)** and **ipratropium bromide (Atrovent<sup>®</sup>)** treatment using small volume nebulizer.
5. Repeat administration of Ventolin<sup>®</sup> treatment only, using small volume nebulizer. If symptoms persist, repeated treatments of Ventolin<sup>®</sup> may be given continuously.
6. If severe respiratory distress is present, consider **CPAP**.
7. If patient has a decline in their level of consciousness and/or inadequate respiratory effort, consider **endotracheal intubation**.