

Goals

- Titrate oxygen
- Alleviate respiratory distress

Oxygen to keep SpO₂ between 88-92%
If wheezing - salbutamol 5 mg neb (or 4-6 puffs) prn and ipratropium 500 mcg neb q 20 min x 3

Consider CPAP

Consider advanced airway management if further deterioration

Tips

- If patient is deteriorating despite maximal therapy, reconsider differential (e.g. pneumothorax, CHF, allergic reaction)
- There may be multiple etiologies for the patient's symptoms
- Follow directions on COPD Special Patient card regarding optimal SpO₂