BRONCHOSPASM/ ASTHMA/ COPD
BLS
ALWAYS USE STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

INDICATION
- Acute or progressive shortness of breath, chest discomfort, wheezing, cyanosis

 PHYSICIAN CONSULT
- EpiPen (or equivalent) for severe respiratory symptoms

TREATMENT
- BLS RMC
- Mild to moderate (alert, may be unable to speak full sentences, limited accessory muscle use)
  - Assist patient with own medication if available
- Severe symptoms (altered mental status, minimal air movement, inability to speak, cyanosis)
  - Administer Adult or Pediatric EpiPen (or equivalent); If no improvement, MR in 5 minutes with physician consult

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
- Suspect carbon monoxide in cases of exposure to fire; do not rely on pulse oximetry in this setting

DOCUMENTATION - ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS
- Physical finding of wheezing, decreased lung sounds
- Administration of oxygen

RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES
- Auto Injector EpiPen BLS PR 4
- Epinephrine Check and Inject BLS PR 4a