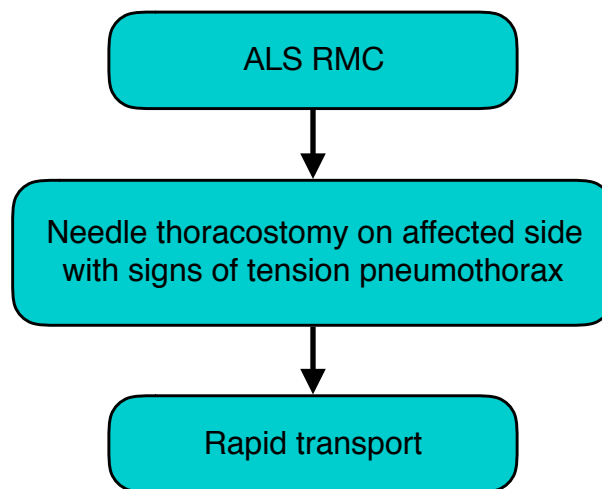


PNEUMOTHORAX/TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX

Indications

- Acute onset of respiratory distress with decreased unilateral or bilateral breath sounds. Signs and symptoms may include the following:
 - Extreme dyspnea
 - Neck vein distention
 - Agitation
 - Hypotension
 - Cyanosis
 - Hyperresonance to percussion on affected side
 - Tracheal shift away from the affected side



SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- Condition may be precipitated by the following:
 - Trauma
 - Pre-existing lung disease
 - Cancer related treatment
 - Marfan's syndrome