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