

Will/Grundy EMS System
2010 1st Trimester CME
February - Asthma Study Guide

- 1. Common triggers of asthma attacks:**

- 2. The Three Primary Treatment Goals of the asthmatic patient:**

- 3. Common observations during the inspection component of the physical exam of the asthmatic patient :**

- 4. Albuterol is our drug of choice for asthmatic/COPD wheezing. It's actions include:**

- 5. Indications for albuterol usage include:**

- 6. Common cardiovascular side effects of albuterol include:**

- 7. Albuterol dosage:**

- 8. Four areas of patient history that differentiate asthma/COPD and CHF/Pulmonary Edema**

9. COPD patients have _____shortness of breath and exacerbation of COPD is _____.

10. With pulmonary edema difficulty breathing is usually _____ and has a _____ onset. It also commonly occurs at _____.

11 -12.

Match the vital signs for Astma/COPD –A and CHF/Pulmonary Edema - B

Tachycardic _____
Hypertension (often severe) _____
Tachypneic _____
Pale, cool, diaphoretic skin _____

Normal to slight Tachycardia _____
Normal to slightly elevated BP _____
Tachypneic _____
Normal skin color, temp, moisture _____

13-15. Choose all that apply to Status asthmaticus :

- Severe, Prolonged Attack
- Responds to Repeated Bronchodilators
- No noticeable Air Trapping
- Wheezing/Absent Breath Sounds
- Acidotic/Dehydrated