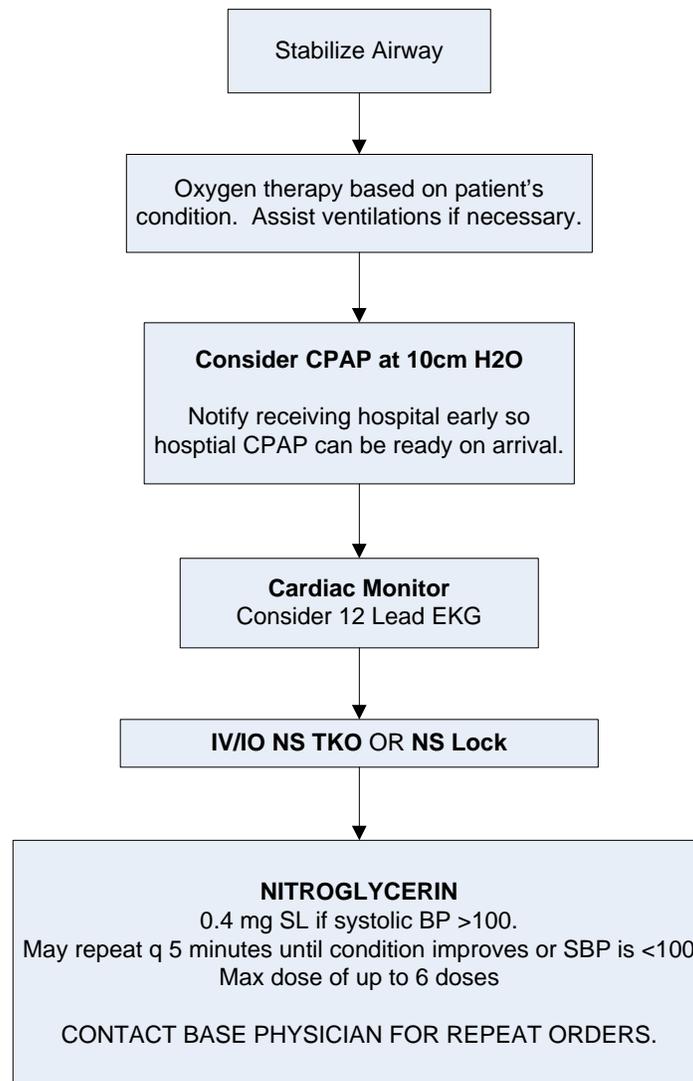


# Respiratory

## R-7 Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) and Pulmonary Edema

### PRIORITIES

- ABCs
- Determine degree of physiologic distress
- Evaluate respiratory rate, use of accessory muscles, cyanosis, ventilatory effort, level of consciousness
- Maintain airway, provide oxygen and ventilatory support PRN
- Early Transport, in a sitting position if possible
- Anticipate need for possible intubation
- Early contact of Receiving Hospital



### DISRUPTED COMMUNICATIONS

In the event of a "disrupted communications" situation, Solano County Paramedics may utilize all portions of this treatment protocol without Base Hospital Contact as needed to stabilize an immediate patient.