



OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION

Indication:

- Individual appears short of breath
 - Altered mental status, restlessness, blueish color to lips or nailbeds
- Individual complains of difficulty breathing
- Individual (adult) is breathing less than 12 or more than 20 times per minute

Standing Order:

1. Confirm oxygen tank and regulator are in working order and that tank has an adequate oxygen supply. Regulatory must have a pressure gauge and functioning flow meter.
2. Confirm 9-1-1 has been activated.
3. Use personal protective equipment (gloves).
4. Administer oxygen by nasal cannula at 6 liters per minute or 10 liters by mask, as tolerated by patient.
6. Report administration and response to EMS personnel for documentation in the EMS Patient Care Record.
7. Complete patient encounter report per agency protocol.

Notes:

1. Do not use oxygen around flames, cigarettes or sparks because of fire risk.
2. Do not leave cylinders in a non-secured upright position because they can fall and damage the regulator or valve.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. P. [unclear]".

Review Dates: N/A
Final Date of Implementation: 10/01/2017
OCEMS copyright © 2017