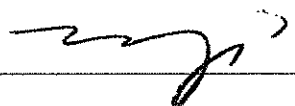


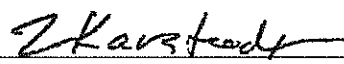
Subject: Treatment Guidelines – ALS
Toxic Gas Inhalation

Associated Policies:

- I. Priorities
 - A. ABC's.
 - B. Determine degree of physiologic distress: respiratory rate > 20, use of accessory muscles, cyanosis, inadequate ventilation, depressed level of consciousness.
 - C. Maintain airway, oxygen therapy, and ventilation support.
 - D. Rapid transport, if unconscious or conscious with progressive symptoms.

- II. Toxic Gas Inhalation
Respiratory distress caused by inhalation of toxic gases by history. Suspect carbon monoxide with history of fire in an enclosed space, symptoms of headache, dizziness, or cherry-red coloration of mucous membranes (late sign).
 - A. Remove patient from toxic environment with attention to safety of rescue personnel.
 - B. Oxygen – high flow. If carbon monoxide suspected, consider 100% via non-rebreathing mask.
 - C. Cardiac monitor.
 - D. Pulse oximetry.
 - E. Contact base hospital.
 - F. IV access TKO.
 - G. If wheezing, consider Albuterol per Policy # 5329

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