

STATUS ASTHMATICUS

Life-threatening episode of airway obstruction that is often unresponsive to treatment

MANIFESTATIONS

Extreme wheezing

Labored breathing

Use of accessory muscles

Distended neck veins

High risk for cardiac or respiratory arrest

NURSING INTERVENTIONS

Place pt in high-Fowler's

Prepare for emergency intubation

Administer oxygen, epinephrine, and systemic steroid as prescribed

Provide emotional support



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