

### EMT Basic Scenario – Respiratory Emergencies - 3

Dispatch: You are called to at the high school in the band hall for a 15-year-old female with a possible asthma attack.

Takes, or verbalizes, body substance isolation precautions	Scene is Safe
Determines the mechanism of injury/nature of illness	Respiratory (difficulty breathing)
Determines the number of patients	1
Requests additional help if necessary	Yes – ALS Enroute
Considers stabilization of spine	None
Verbalizes general impression of the patient	15-yr-old female sitting on the ground having difficulty breathing and anxious.
Determines responsiveness/level of consciousness	Responsive/A&O X4
Determines chief complaint/apparent life threats	Difficulty breathing
Assesses airway and breathing Indicates appropriate oxygen therapy Assures adequate ventilation	Airway is Open; audible wheezing Rate: Tachypeic; Shallow w/wheezing on exhalation Symmetrical rise and fall of the chest (Oxygen via NRB mask at 15 L/min)
Assesses circulation Assesses/controls major bleeding Assesses pulse Assesses skin (color, temperature, and condition)	Bleeding – none Pulse—Tachycardic ; Bounding Skin - Pale, cool, moist
Identifies priority patients/makes transport decisions	High Priority (Pt Parents not on scene)
OPQRST	O— was at marching band practice P—nothing Q—no pain R—None S— 9 out 10 on distress from difficulty breathing T—About 15 mins
SAMPLE history	A— none M— inhaler (in book bag) P— Asthma L—Lunch 4 hours ago E— was marching at band practice

Performs Secondary Assessment (assess affected body part/system)	Listen to lung sounds – finds wheezing on exhalation bilaterally
Vitals (obtains baseline vital signs)	Blood pressure—120/80 mm Hg Pulse—120 beats/min Respirations—28 breaths/min SaO <sub>2</sub> —94%
Field Impression	(Student should provide appropriate Field Impression from info above) – Patient is having respiratory issues possibly due to an asthma attack
Interventions (obtains medical direction or verbalizes standing order for medication interventions and verbalizes proper additional intervention/treatment)	Oxygen via NRB mask at 15 L/min Assist patient with inhaler
Ongoing assessment	Patient is still anxious. Airway and breathing – Breathing improves after inhaler. No audible wheezing Blood pressure—118/70 mm Hg Pulse—114 beats/min Respirations—22 breaths/min Pulse Ox – 97% on NRB
Hand off Report	(Student should provide appropriate hand off report from info above)