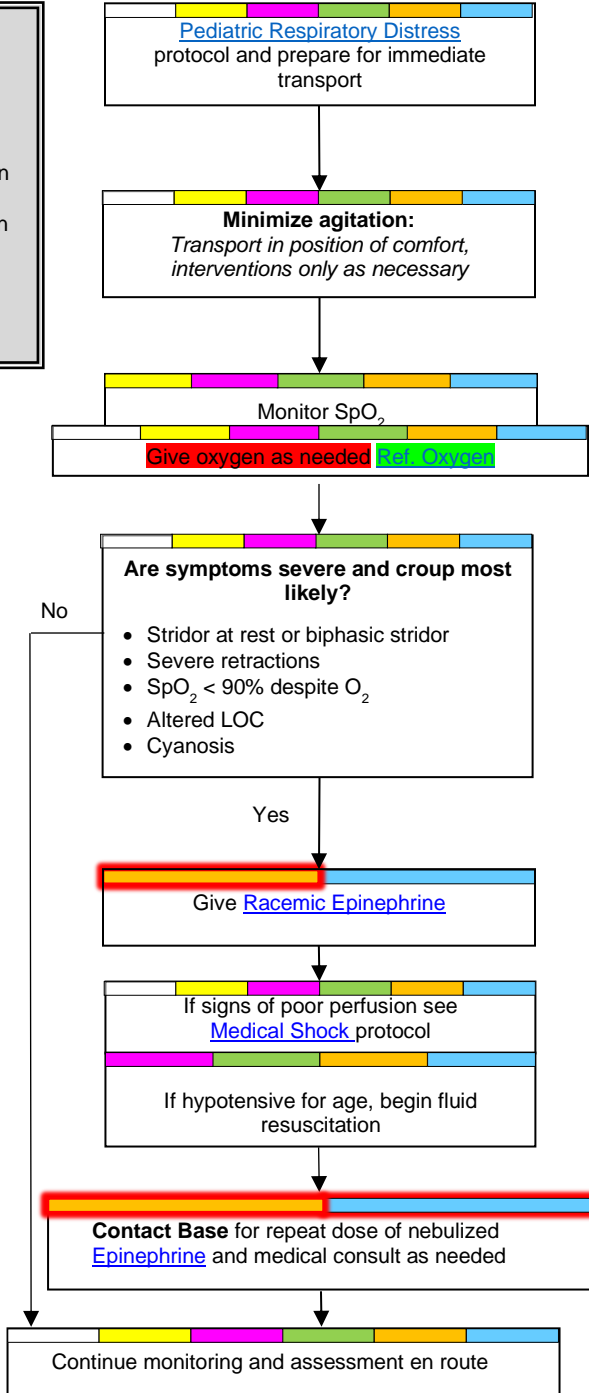


2050 PEDIATRIC STRIDOR/CROUP



Characteristics of Croup:

- Most common cause of stridor in children
- Child will have stridor, barky cough, and URI symptoms of sudden, often nocturnal onset
- Most often seen in children < 9 years old
- Agitation worsens the stridor and respiratory distress



Considerations with Stridor:

- Stridor is a harsh, usually inspiratory sound caused by narrowing or obstruction of the upper airway
- Causes include croup, foreign body aspiration, allergic reactions, trauma, infection, mass
- Epiglottitis is exceedingly rare. May consider in the unimmunized child. Treatment is minimization of agitation. Airway manipulation is best done in the hospital.