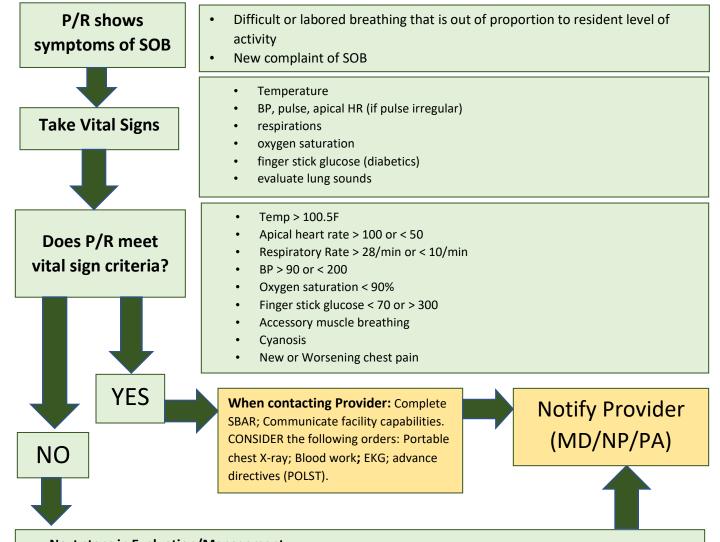
CareChoice Care Path



Shortness of Breath (SOB)



Next steps in Evaluation/Management

- Cough with or without sputum production: Evaluate for abnormal lung sounds (wheezing, rales, rhonchi etc); evaluate character of sputum
- Decreased eating or drinking: push fluids
- Acute decline in ADL's: evaluate underlying cause
- Edema: Measure weights, check oxygenation, history of CHF?
- Change in Mental Status: Follow Acute Mental Status Change Care Pathway
- Inability to eat to sleep due to SOB: Measure weight, evaluate for abnormal lung sounds, h/o CHFconsider review of CHF care path
- New irregular pulse: Obtain HR, BP, evaluate for signs or symptoms of heart attack or CHF or stroke
- Low oxygen saturation <90% add supplemental oxygen unless COPD (only up to 4 LPM per NC)
- O2 supplementation as necessary; respiration therapy
- · Unrelieved pain: Evaluate cause of pain, administer appropriate PRN medication