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	EMR
	EMT
	Intermediate
	Paramedic
	Medical Control

<b>EMR</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Universal Cardiac Care</li> <li>2. Place patient in a position of comfort – sitting upright unless contraindicated.</li> <li>3. <b>Oxygen:</b> titrate to SpO2 of 94-99%</li> <li>4. Be prepared to support the patient’s respirations with a BVM if necessary.</li> <li>5. Reassess and reassure the patient.</li> </ol>	<b>EMR</b>
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<b>EMT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue EMR care.</li> <li>2. Give <b>Nitroglycerin</b> 0.4mg sublingual if systolic BP &gt; 100mmHg. May repeat every 3-5 minutes to a total of 3 doses (if systolic BP remains &gt; 100mmHg)</li> <li>3. Apply cardiac monitor and obtain 12-lead EKG. Transmit to receiving facility (if equipped). It is beyond the scope of the EMT to interpret 12-leads or cardiac rhythms.</li> <li>4. Initiate ALS intercept, if indicated and began transport as soon as possible.</li> <li>5. Contact receiving hospital as soon as possible or Medical Control if necessary.</li> <li>6. <b>CPAP:</b> if systolic BP &gt; 100mmHg. If systolic BP is between 90-100mmHg, <b>contact Medical Control.</b> <b>Do not</b> initiate CPAP if systolic BP is &lt; 90 mmHg. <b>See CPAP procedure.</b></li> <li>7. Monitor with ETCO2, if available. Reading should be 35-45mmHg</li> </ol>	<b>EMT</b>
<b>MC</b>		<b>MC</b>

<b>I</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue EMT care.</li> <li>2. Initiate IV/IO.</li> <li>3. Consider ALS intercept should the situation warrant additional medication.</li> </ol>	<b>I</b>
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<b>P</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue EMT care.</li> <li>2. Place <b>1" Nitro paste</b> to anterior chest if BP is greater than 100mmHg</li> </ol>	<b>P</b>
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**CPAP is very effective in the treatment of CHF / Pulmonary Edema and should be applied early unless contraindicated. Do not delay CPAP application for administration of Nitroglycerin (i.e. do not wait until all 3 doses have been given before you apply CPAP. If they need it, use it.**