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Purpose: To establish a standard of care in cases of acute respiratory distress such as Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) / Acute Pulmonary Edema (APE).

Background: The use of Continuous or Constant Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) has proven to be a very effective treatment in CHF and COPD patients and has significantly lowered the amount of intubations being performed in the pre-hospital setting. Patients who receive CPAP in the field often improve rapidly and as a result, their hospital stay can be significantly reduced. CPAP is a non-invasive, proven procedure and thanks to new technology, more affordable than ever. Therefore, the REMAC believes that every Advanced Life Support Agency should have ability to administer CPAP in the field.

Advisory: By March 1, 2012 all Advanced Life Support agencies in the Mountain Lakes Region must have the ability to administer CPAP to their patients.

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