Basic Treatment Guidelines:
1. Follow initial protocol for all patients
2. If possible, obtain oxygen saturation level prior to applying oxygen.

Advanced Treatment Guidelines:
*NOTE: Consider Capnography to assist in the evaluation of the patient’s ventilatory and oxygenation status.

1. If patient has adequate spontaneous breathing with shortness of breath or hypoxia due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), refer to and follow the Continuous Positive Airway Pressure procedure.

2. Administer IPRATROPIUM 0.5 mg/2.5 ml NORMAL SALINE mixed with ALBUTEROL 2.5 mg/3.0 ml NORMAL SALINE once by nebulizer. May be followed by ALBUTEROL 2.5 mg/3.0 ml NORMAL SALINE as needed.

3. In the acute setting, consider METHYPREDNISOLONE SUCCINATE 125 mg IV over 1 minute.