



STANDING ORDER

CHEST CONGESTION

I. ASSESSMENT

- A. Obtain subjective signs and symptoms from inmate.
- B. Auscultate lungs for crackles, wheezes and decreased breath sounds. Are accessory neck muscles being used?
- C. Take vital signs, including temperature.
- D. Assess productive cough and quality of sputum.
- E. PPD/Mantoux test done?

II. MANAGEMENT

- A. If fever, green/yellow sputum or dyspnea present, contact Facility Provider.
- B. If simple congestion w/o fever, dyspnea, colored sputum or weight loss, encourage fluids and rest.

III. EVALUATION

- A. If symptoms subside, no further treatment is necessary.
- B. If symptoms persist beyond seven (7) days, or if symptoms worsen or fever develops, contact Facility Provider for orders.