

General Presentation Syllabus

Title: *All That Is Asthma Does Not Wheeze: Recognition and Treatment of Respiratory Ailments*

Intended Audience: General

Length: 60 minutes

Brief Description:

Cough, cough, wheeze, wheeze, crackle, crackle. Is it asthma, COPD or CHF? Can you tell the difference? In this presentation, we will examine the clinical presentations of various respiratory ailments, and examine the most current treatment options.

Objectives:

1. Discuss the various etiologies of acute bronchospasm.
2. Discuss and describe the pathophysiology of bronchospasm, stridor and pulmonary edema.
3. Describe the clinical presentation of the patient with acute bronchospasm.
4. Discuss the roles of capnography and spirometry in assessment of the asthma patient.
5. Outline the BLS and ALS treatment options for the patient with acute bronchospasm.

Resources Required: LCD projector, computer audio, wireless mouse, wireless microphone