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Right-sided heart failure caused by pulmonary disease

MANIFESTATIONS

Hypoxia

Hypoxemia

Extreme dyspnea

Cyanotic lips

Jugular venous distention

Dependent edema

Hepatomegaly

Pulmonary hypertension

NURSING INTERVENTIONS

Monitor respiratory status

Monitor cardiac status and for indications of right-sided heart failure

Administer oxygen therapy as prescribed

Ensure adequate rest periods

Encourage a low sodium diet

Maintain fluid balance; possible fluid restriction

Administer medications as prescribed

MEDICATIONS

Diuretics

Digoxin

THERAPEUTIC MEASURES

Mechanical ventilation

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