

### STATUS ASTHMATICUS

Life-threatening episode of airway obstruction that is often unresponsive to treatment

### MANIFESTATIONS

Extreme wheezing

Labored breathing

Use of accessory muscles

Distended neck veins

High risk for cardiac or respiratory arrest

### NURSING INTERVENTIONS

Place pt in high-Fowler's

Prepare for emergency intubation

Administer oxygen, epinephrine, and systemic steroid as prescribed

Provide emotional support



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