

Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Treatment Protocol

R-2P

Pediatric Respiratory Arrest

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Anticipate respiratory failure & possible respiratory arrest if any of the following are present:

- Increased respiratory rate, with signs of distress (e.g. increased effort, nasal flaring, retractions, or grunting).
- Inadequate respiratory rate, effort, or chest excursion (e.g. diminished breath sounds, gasping, and cyanosis), especially if mental status is depressed.

