

Clinical Scenario Pneumonia



AdmissionCare

Scenario:

87-year-old presented for evaluation of shortness of breath, productive cough and fever.

ED Course: Febrile to 101.7, Tachycardic: 119, BP: 199/91. On exam: rhonchi noted. Labs: WBC: 12.4, Cr: 1.14. Chest x-ray: interval development patchy alveolar opacities characteristic of pulmonary edema and/or multifocal PNA, and trace bilateral pleural effusions.

At Time of Admit: Ill-appearing with tachycardia and rhonchi present. Pt treated w/Tylenol, Ibuprofen, IVF bolus. Pt requiring 4L supplemental O2 via nasal cannula.

Documented Principal Problem: Pneumonia

Recommended Workflow

- C Consider appropriate care setting
 - Hospitalization
- A Ask what the principal diagnosis is?
 - Pneumonia
- R Review INPT guideline first, then OBS
 - INPT criteria: MET
- E Enter bed status / level of care order
 - Inpatient
- D Document criteria in medical record
 - No documentation in admission notes of hypoxemia or oxygen requirements (information located within vital sign flowsheet).





