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# Localizing Dyspnea

micro drip study guide

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## Conclusions



Respiratory distress is common



Quickly evaluate breathing pattern



Evaluation begins before touching patient



Don't hesitate to capture airway

Respiratory distress is common guys we're all going to deal with it whether we want to or not. So hopefully continued practice of this approach to respiratory distress of breathing with patients is going to help you become more comfortable in localizing where in the respiratory treat your patient's problem is. It's kind of like a neuro anatomic diagnosis if you can say that your kiddo has a problem at C1 C6 then you can figure out a differential problem list for things that affects the one C1 C6.

Same thing goes for localization within the respiratory tree if you know the problems in the upper airway you got your list of differentials they're different than if you say this is pleural space disease you've got a different list of differentials so it helps you go down the right path by picking the right area in the respiratory tree and remember before you lay hands on a patient in respiratory distress engage your sense of movement that tactile sense and breathe with your patient without making yourself pass out but do your best and if you think you need to capture your patient's airway don't hesitate to do so.