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**SUSPECTED PNEUMONIA PROTOCOL**

Emergency Services

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**Criteria:**

1. Patients who enter with history of fever and cough (temp >101°).
2. Abnormal vitals for the adult patient including:  
HR >120  
SBP <100  
SaO<sub>2</sub> <94%  
RR >24

**Orders:**

1. PA Lateral CXR (unless patient unstable, then do Port CXR).  
(If patient is pregnant, check with physician first)  
(If patient is possibly pregnant, order Urine HCG)
2. CBC with Diff, BMP, blood cultures times 2, sputum culture.
3. Peripheral IV.
4. Albuterol/Atrovent nebulized treatment if wheezing present.
5. Treat febrile patients with Tylenol if not contraindicated.

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