

**Maine Medical Center
Emergency Department Nursing**

ED Protocol

Title of Protocol: Community Acquired Pneumonia (CAP)

Date: 10/27/2011

Assessment:

Assessment	Evidence
Shortness of breath	#1, page 1
Productive cough (green or yellow sputum)	#1, page 1
High fever (greater than 38 p.o.)	#3, page 1

Contraindications

Contraindications	Evidence
Under age 18	#2, page 1
Immunocompromised	#2, page 1

Treatments

Treatment	Evidence
CXR	#3
Oxygen if O2 saturation less than 92%	#3

CBC, CMP, blood culture X2	#1 and #3
IV access (saline lock, buffered lidocaine)	#4
Antibiotic per MD order	#1

References/Citations:

Number	Reference
#1	http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Community-acquired_pneumonia&oldid=448214328 ” last modified on 3 September 2011
#2	Clinical policy: critical issues in the management of adult patients presenting to the emergency department with community-acquired pneumonia. Bibliographic Source: Nazarian DR, Eddy OL, Lukens TW, Weingart DS, Decker WW, American College of Emergency Physicians. Clinical policy: critical issues in the management of adult patients presenting to the emergency department with community-acquired pneumonia. Ann Emerg Med 2009 Nov; 54(5); 704-31
#3	ED Pneumonia Pathway Approved November 2004 by the Pneumonia Pathway Team, Maine Medical Center.

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