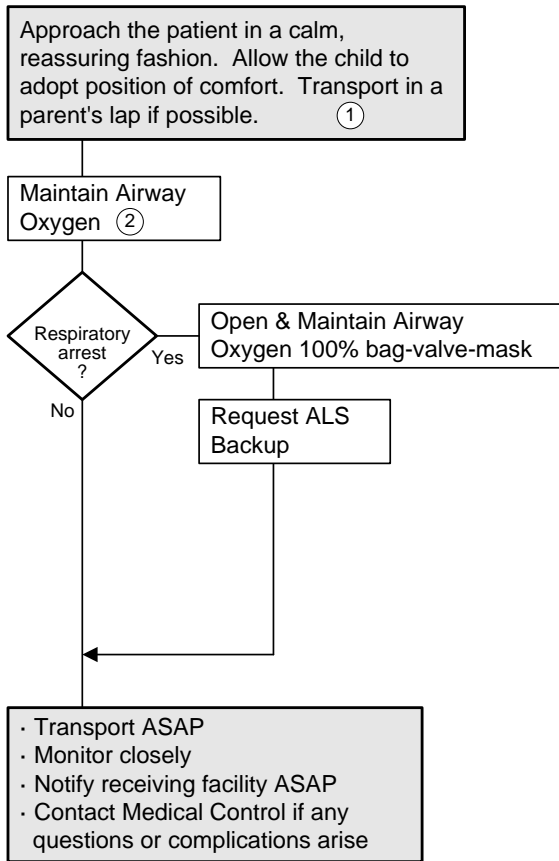


Croup & Epiglottitis

ILS Protocol



- Document:
- ABCs
 - Detailed Assessment
 - Vital Signs
 - SpO2
 - Glasgow Coma Scale
 - Lung Sounds
 - Color
 - Treatment
 - Response to Treatment
 - Communication with Medical Control

Common Characteristics

Epiglottitis:

- Age usually > 2 years
- Onset rapid
- Signs & Symptoms
Fever, often look sick. Air hunger, nasal flaring, restlessness, drooling, retractions. Wants to sit upright.

Croup:

- Age 6 months - 3 years
- Onset gradual
- Signs & Symptoms
Often preceded by an upper respiratory infection. Worse at night. May or may not have a fever. Condition varies from mild to severe.

1 Avoid startling the patient. Anxiety is likely to exacerbate the child's condition.
2 Consider blow-by Oxygen. Pediatric patients rarely tolerate a mask.