

RESPIRATORY DISTRESS (STRIDOR) – UPPER AIRWAY (# 7307)

- Pediatric Routine Medical Care
- **CROUP/EPIGLOTTITIS:**
 - ✓ If the patient deteriorates, or becomes completely obstructed, positive pressure ventilation via bag-valve-mask should be attempted.
 - ✓ **Do not** attempt to visualize the throat or insert anything into the mouth if epiglottitis suspected.
 - ✓ Allow a parent to hold the child or the O₂ mask, if the presence of the parent calms the child.
 - ✓ Minimize outside stimulation. Keep the patient calm.
- Position of comfort.
- **Note:** Perform endotracheal intubation only if BVM ventilation is unsuccessful or impossible.
- **Use a length-based resuscitation tape to determine pediatric drug doses**
(Shown underlined on the algorithm)

