Pediatric Respiratory Distress Other

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- Anxiety
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- Increased respiratory rate and effort
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- Use of accessory muscles
- Cough
- Tachycardia
- Fever
- Hypotension

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- Anaphylaxis
- Aspiration
- Sepsis/Metabolic acidosis
- Pleural effusion
- Pneumonia
- Pulmonary embolus
- Pneumothorax/Tension pneumothorax
- Epiglottitis
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