INDICATIONS:
- At least one initial reading is indicated in all stable patients
- On-going monitoring of patient with dyspnea, respiratory distress or respiratory failure
- On-going monitoring of patients with altered level of consciousness

CONTRAINDICATIONS:
- None

NOTES:
- Operate the pulse oximeter as per the manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Do not withhold oxygen to obtain a pulse oximetry reading in unstable patients
- A cool or poorly perfused extremity may limit the sensitivity of pulse oximetry. Consider the use of an alternate site or ear probe.
- Pathological conditions, such as carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning may yield falsely normal results. If CO poisoning is known or suspected, administer O2 at 15 lpm flow rate by NRB mask or BVM apparatus.