

Worksheet 3.1A
Breathing Difficulty

Dr. _____
P: ___ Date: _____

Breathing Difficulty Case 1 Worksheet

Directions: Answer the following questions based on Case 3.1: Breathing Difficulty.

1. What is the patient's Chief Complaint? _____
2. What was the patient's Secondary Complaint? _____
3. How many breaths per minute were detected in the examination? _____/min
4. What is the normal rate of breathing for a patient her age: _____/min
5. Using a watch with a second hand, count the number of breaths you take in a minute and record here: _____ breaths/minute
6. What does an "oximeter" measure? _____
7. What was the result of the oximeter test done on Betsy at the end of the examination? _____%
8. What is the "normal" finding on the oximeter test? _____%
9. What does Betsy's oximeter test result indicate?

10. Do you think Betsy's ankle sprain could have caused Betsy's breathing difficulty?

Circle: Yes No

11. Would you classify Betsy's condition as (circle one) Acute or Chronic

12. Would you classify Betsy's condition as (circle one):

Possible Emergency or Probable Non-Emergency

13. From the chart below select the top three on your Differential Diagnosis List of things you want to rule out on this patient.

Differential Diagnosis	Yes	No
Pneumonia		
Anxiety Reaction		
Pulmonary Embolus		
Asthma		
Pulmonary Hypertension		
Heart Failure		
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease		
Tuberculosis		

14. Do you think Betsy should be sent to a specialist for more evaluation or would you feel comfortable sending her home to rest for a few days before returning for further evaluation if the breathing difficulty continues?

(Circle one) Send to Specialist or Send Home to rest

15. If you sent Betsy to a specialist, to which one would you send her?
