

# Assessing Breath Sounds

|                     | <b>Clear</b>                | <b>Mild</b>                 | <b>Moderate</b>            | <b>Severe</b>              |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Retracting</b>   | None                        | Barely Noticeable           | Obvious Indentation        | Severe Indentation         |
| <b>Resp. Rate</b>   | Normal Range (18-24/m)      | Slight Increase             | Up to 50% Increase         | Greater Than 50% Increase  |
| <b>Wheezing</b>     | None with Good Air Exchange | Expiratory (End, Mid, Full) | Inspiratory and Expiratory | Just Inspiratory To Silent |
| <b>Air Exchange</b> | Readily Heard Throughout    | Hard to Hear Posteriorly    | Hard to Hear Anteriorly    | Absent                     |
| <b>Anxiety</b>      | None                        | Tense                       | Fearful but Consolable     | Not Consolable             |