

## Disease

# Acute Bronchitis

## Signs & Symptoms

- \* frequent cough
- \* chest pain w/ inhalation & exhalation
- \* fever
- \* general malaise
- \* sore throat
- \* nasal discharge
- \* muscle aches

## Pathology

- \* infl. of the bronchi & bronchioles

## Risk Factors

- \* exposure to pollutants/occupational chemicals
- \* exposure to others who are ill

## Complications

- \* increased respiratory rate
- \* anxiety
- \* COPD
- \* respiratory failure

## Diagnosis

- \* symptomatology
- \* culture of respiratory secretions

## Treatment

- \* broad spectrum antibiotics
- \* expectorant meds
- \* mucolytic agents
- \* bronchodilator
- \* cough suppressants