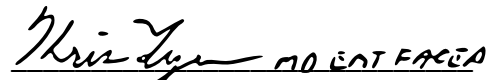


Authorization for use of the Masimo Rad-57 Pulse Carbon Monoxide (CO) Oximeter

- Kern County Fire personnel may use the Rad-57 monitor on its personnel in the following manner:
 - At the beginning of the shift or work day, and when practicable, each member may measure his/her baseline SpO₂ and SpCO level and document the readings (% SpCO and % SpO₂) .
 - *Fire Fighters'* SpO₂ and SpCO levels may be monitored on incidents where personnel are known to have been, or suspected to have been, exposed to CO
 - If a member is exhibiting signs and/or symptoms of CO exposure and the Rad-57 monitor measures his/her CO level in the “normal” range (possible false negative result) the probability of CO poisoning should remain as a concern and the member shall be treated accordingly
- Kern County Fire personnel may use the Rad-57 monitor on EMS patients in the following manner:
 - To measure SpO₂ when indicated in accordance with Kern County Emergency Medical Services (KCEMS) policy or protocol (Note: if, during the routine monitoring of an EMS patient's SpO₂, the Rad-57 SpCO alarm activates, the patient should be considered to have elevated levels of SpCO and treated appropriately. Fire personnel should also have a high index of suspicion that a CO source is present and react accordingly)
- Common signs and symptoms of CO exposure/poisoning
 - Headache
 - Nausea and/or Vomiting
 - Dizziness
 - Chest Pain
 - Confusion
 - Weakness
 - Difficulty Breathing
 - Cyanosis (late sign)

In **any** instance where a subject is demonstrating signs and/or symptoms of elevated SpCO levels in a setting of known or suspected CO exposure, and **if** the Rad-57 monitor fails to detect elevated SpCO levels in the subject (potential false negative), the subject **shall** be assumed to have elevated SpCO levels and shall be treated accordingly. In the event of a suspected CO exposure with associated signs and symptoms, place the patient on oxygen, consider treatment utilizing higher level of care, and transport for further evaluation or treatment to appropriate facility.


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