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**Clinical Management Guidelines for**  
**COVID-19 Acute Respiratory Disease**

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## Clinical Management Guidelines for Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19)

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### Surveillance case definitions for COVID-19

#### Suspect case

A) A patient with acute respiratory illness (fever **and** at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease (e.g., cough, shortness breath),

**AND**

a history of travel to or residence in a location reporting community transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset.

**OR**

B. A patient with any acute respiratory illness

**AND**

having been in *contact* with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case in the last 14 days prior to onset of symptoms

**OR**

C. A patient with severe acute respiratory infection (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness breath; requiring hospitalization)

**AND**

in the absence of an alternative diagnosis that fully explains the clinical presentation

**\*Note: “Reporting community transmission of COVID-19 disease” should be checked in WHO updated situation report**

#### Probable case

A suspect case for whom testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive.

#### Confirmed case

A person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.

\*see <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technicalguidance/laboratory-guidance> for latest case definitions

## **Criteria for severe acute respiratory infection requiring hospital admission**

Anyone of the following parameters:

- Respiratory rate > 30 breaths/min
- Severe respiratory distress
- SpO<sub>2</sub> ≤ 93% on room air
- Systolic blood pressure ≤ 100 mmHg
- Altered mental status (GCS < 15)

## **Definition of contact**

A contact is a person who experienced any one of the following exposures during the 2 days before and the 14 days after the onset of symptoms of a probable or confirmed case :

- Face-to-face contact with a probable or confirmed case within 1 meter and for more than 15 minutes;
- Direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case;
- Direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without using proper personal protective equipment;

(For asymptomatic cases, the period of contact is measured as the 2 days before through the 14 days after the date on which the sample was taken which led to confirmation)

## **Monitoring of contacts of probable and confirmed cases :**

- Contacts should be monitored for 14 days from the last unprotected contact.
- Contacts should self-limit travel and movements.
- Monitoring by public health authorities can be done through household or virtual visits or by telephone to check for symptoms.
- Any contact who becomes ill and meets the case definition becomes a suspect case and should be tested
- Any newly identified probable or confirmed cases should have their own contacts identified and monitored
- As a special consideration, samples maybe taken from close contacts of confirmed cases even if the contacts are without symptoms and not PUI.

**I. History taking**

Name: ----- Age: -----

Sex: ----- R/N: -----

Address: -----

Detail of Travel History-----

Contact History-----

Complaints

Fever .....Cough ..... Sore throat.....Headache.....Muscle pain.....Shortness of  
breath.....Diarrhoea.....Reduced urine output etc.....

**II. Physical Examination**

Vital signs: GCS: ..... Temperature..... Cyanosis..... BP: .....

HR: ..... SpO<sub>2</sub>: ..... RR: ..... Lungs: .....

Features of Septic shock, Acute kidney injury



**Management Protocol for COVID-19 Acute Respiratory Disease (Version 04)**

Attendance of patients in hospital, OPD, Community clinics

**At Triage area**

**A** History of travel to or residence in a location reporting community transmission within past 14 days **OR** History of close contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case within past 14 days

**B** Presenting fever, symptoms of acute respiratory disease (e.g; cough, shortness of breath)

**C** Presenting fever, symptoms of severe acute respiratory disease and with no other clear aetiology

A

B

A and B

C

- Home or facility quarantine for 14 days
- Inform to State and Regional Health Department

Further investigation for diagnosis and treatment

- Isolate the patient in a separate room (e.g, Fever room)
- Take strict IPC measures depending on severity
- Take complete and detail history and physical examination
- Inform immediately to DoMS [09 449621202], CEU [067 3420268], State and Regional Health Department
- Inform Regional and Facility Level Clinical Management Committee

**Person Under Investigation (PUI) for suspected Pneumonia**

- Move the patient to isolation room
- Take specimen and send to NHL (To follow specimen collection guidelines)
- Follow “Clinical Management Guidelines for Corona virus disease (COVID-19)”

**Mild Pneumonia (PUI)**

**Pneumonia (Suspected)**

**Severe Pneumonia (Suspected)**  
(if any of following signs/symptoms is present)

- 1) Respiratory rate > 30 breaths/min
- 2) Severe respiratory distress
- 3) SpO<sub>2</sub> ≤ 93% on room air
- 4) Systolic Blood Pressure ≤ 100 mmHg
- 5) Altered mental status (GCS < 15)

Symptomatic treatment

Symptomatic treatment  
Oral antibiotics

Result (-)

Results (+)

Results (+)

Result (+)

Discharge

Recover

Discharge criteria

Discharge message

**Confirmed case**

- Supportive treatment including fluid therapy
- Antibiotic/antiviral/ Hydroxychloroquine
- Treatment of complications
- Refer to designated hospital with standard precaution and considering risk and benefit
- Isolate patients for 14 days (after last exposure)

- High flow O<sub>2</sub> 5L/min
- Supportive treatment including fluid therapy
- IV antibiotics
- Treatment of complications
- Assess for ventilator & specialist care

Death – proper disposal of the dead person

### **III. Categorization of Patients**

#### ***Mild illness***

Patients uncomplicated upper respiratory tract viral infection may have non-specific symptoms such as fever, fatigue, cough (with or without sputum production), anorexia, malaise, muscle pain, sore throat, dyspnea, nasal congestion, or headache. Rarely, patients may also present with diarrhoea, nausea, and vomiting. The elderly and immunosuppressed may present with atypical symptoms.

#### ***Pneumonia***

Adult with pneumonia but no signs of severe pneumonia and no need for supplemental oxygen.

#### ***Severe pneumonia***

Fever or suspected respiratory infection, plus one of the following: respiratory rate > 30 breaths/min; severe respiratory distress; or SpO<sub>2</sub> ≤ 93% on room air.

#### ***Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome***

- New or worsening respiratory symptoms within one week of known clinical insult.
- Bilateral opacities on CXR, not fully explained by effusions, lobar or lung, collapse, or nodules.
- Respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload.

#### ***Sepsis***

- Life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to suspected or proven infection.
- Signs of organ dysfunction include: altered mental status, difficult or fast breathing, low oxygen saturation, reduced urine output, fast heart rate, weak pulse, cold extremities or low blood pressure, skin mottling, or laboratory evidence of coagulopathy, thrombocytopenia, acidosis, high lactate or hyperbilirubinemia.

#### ***Septic shock***

- Patients with persisting hypotension despite volume resuscitation, requiring vasopressors to maintain MAP ≥65 mmHg and serum lactate level >2 mmol/L.

**The SOFA score** ranges from 0 to 24 and includes points related to 6 organ systems: respiratory (hypoxemia defined by low  $P_{aO_2}/F_{iO_2}$ ), coagulation (low platelets), liver (high bilirubin), cardiovascular (hypotension), central nervous system (low level of consciousness defined by Glasgow Coma Scale), renal (low urine output or high creatinine).

**Sepsis is defined by an increase in the Sequential [Sepsis-related] Organ Failure Assessment (SOFA) score of  $\geq 2$  points.** Assume the baseline score is zero if data are not available

### SOFA Score (Sequential (Sepsis related) Organ Failure Assessment Score)

System or organ and measure	SOFA score				
	0	1	2	3	4
Respiratory:					
$P_{aO_2}/F_{iO_2}$ , mmHg	$\geq 400$	300-399	200-299	100-199 with respiratory support	$< 100$ with respiratory support
Coagulation:					
Platelets, $\times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	$\geq 150$	100-149	50-99	20-49	$< 20$
Liver:					
Bilirubin, $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (mg/dL)	$< 20$ (1.2)	20-32 (1.2-1.9)	33-101 (2.0-5.9)	102-204 (6.0-11.9)	$> 204$ (12.0)
Circulatory:					
Mean arterial pressure, mm Hg	$\geq 70$	$< 70$	Low dose dopamine or any dose dobutamine	Low-medium dose noradrenalin or adrenalin; medium dose dopamine	High dose noradrenalin, adrenalin, or dopamine
Central nervous system:					
Glasgow Coma Scale score	15	13-14	10-12	6-9	$< 6$
Renal:					
Creatinine, $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (mg/dL)	$< 110$ (1.2)	110-170 (1.2-1.9)	171-299 (2.0-3.4)	300-440 (3.5-4.9)	$> 440$ (5.0)
Urine output, mL/day	–	–	–	$< 500$	$< 200$

\*Our recommendation applies to patients with an infection and a SOFA score of  $\geq 2$ .

$P_{aO_2}$  = partial pressure of oxygen (arterial).  $F_{iO_2}$  = fraction of inspired oxygen.

#### **IV. Investigations**

- Collection of blood cultures (if possible)– for bacteria that cause pneumonia and sepsis, ideally before antimicrobial therapy. Do not delay antimicrobial therapy to collect blood cultures.
- Collection of specimens – from the upper respiratory tract (nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal) **AND**, where clinical suspicion remains and URT specimens are negative, collect specimens from the lower respiratory tract when readily available (expectorated sputum, endotracheal aspirate, or bronchoalveolar lavage in ventilated patient) for COVID-19 virus testing by RT-PCR and bacterial stains/cultures.
- In hospitalized patients with confirmed COVID-19, repeated URT and LRT samples can be collected to demonstrate viral clearance. The frequency of specimen collection will depend on local epidemic characteristics and resources.
- Detection of malaria parasites – by RDT or blood film for patients with fever in malarial endemic areas.
- Detection of dengue/chikungunya - may also be considered in the differential diagnosis of undifferentiated febrile illness, particularly when thrombocytopenia is present.
- CP, ESR, CRP, RBS, ECG, U&E, Creatinine, LFT with Enzymes, Blood C&S, ABG, , CXR (PA)

#### ***Recommendations for laboratory testing***

- Any suspected case should be tested for COVID-19 infection using available molecular tests. However, depending on the intensity of the transmission, the number of cases and the laboratory capacity, only a subset of the suspect cases may be tested.
- Based on clinical judgment, clinicians may opt to order a test for COVID-19 in a patient not strictly meeting the case definition, for example, if there are patients involved in a cluster of acute respiratory illness among healthcare workers or of severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) or pneumonia in families, workplaces or social network.

## **V. Treatment**

**A. Immediate implementation of IPC measures** (Should start at the point of entry to hospitals)

### **At triage**

- Screening should be done at first point of contact at the emergency department or outpatient department/clinics.
- Give suspect patient a medical mask and direct patient to separate area, an isolation room if available.
- Keep at least 1 meter distance between suspected patients and other patients.
- Instruct all patients to cover nose and mouth during coughing or sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow for others.
- Perform hand hygiene after contact with respiratory secretions.

### ***Apply standard precaution***

- hand hygiene (alcohol based hand rub/water and soap), use of PPE to avoid indirect and direct contact with patients' blood, body fluids, secretions and non-intact skin.
- prevention of needle-stick or sharps injury; safe waste management; cleaning and disinfection of equipment; and cleaning of the environment.

### ***Apply droplet precaution***

- Use medical mask if working within 1 metre of the patient.
- Use eye protection (face-mask or goggles)
- Limit patient movement within the institution and ensure that patients wear medical masks when outside their rooms.

### ***Apply contact precaution***

- Use PPE (medical mask, eye protection, gloves and gown) when entering room and remove PPE when leaving.
- If possible, use either disposable or dedicated equipment (e.g. stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs and thermometers).
- If equipment needs to be shared among patients, clean and disinfect between each patient use.
- Minimal movement of patients or transport as much as possible.

### ***Apply air-borne precaution***

- Use PPE, including gloves, long-sleeved gowns, eye protection, and fit-tested particulate respirators (N95 or equivalent, or higher level of protection) when healthcare workers performing aerosol-generating procedures (**i.e. open suctioning of respiratory tract, intubation, bronchoscopy, cardiopulmonary resuscitation**).
- Avoid the presence of unnecessary individuals in the room.
- Care for the patient in the same type of room after mechanical ventilation commences.

### **B. Management of mild COVID-19**

- Patients with mild disease may not require hospital interventions, but isolation is necessary to contain virus transmission.
- Isolation can be done either in hospital, if there are only sporadic cases or small clusters, or in repurposed, non-traditional settings; or at home.
- Symptomatic treatment such as antipyretics (paracetamol) for fever.
- Counsel patients about signs and symptoms of complicated disease. If they develop any of these symptoms, they should seek urgent care.

### **C. Management of severe COVID-19**

#### ***Supplemental oxygen therapy***

- For patients with SARI and respiratory distress, hypoxaemia, or shock.
- Target SpO<sub>2</sub> ≥ 90% in non-pregnant adults and SpO<sub>2</sub> ≥ 92-95% in pregnant patients.

#### ***Fluid management***

- Use conservative fluid management in patients with SARI when there is no evidence of shock.

\* Patients with SARI should be treated cautiously with intravenous fluids, because aggressive fluid resuscitation may worsen oxygenation

#### ***Empirical antimicrobial treatment***

- Give antimicrobials within one hour of identification of sepsis.
- Neuraminidase inhibitor when there is local circulation or other risk factors, including travel history or exposure to animal influenza viruses.

- Mild pneumonia      PO Augmentin 625 mg tds + PO Azithromycin 500mg od x 5 days
- Severe pneumonia (community acquired)  
    IV Augmentin 1.2 g 8h (ATD) for 7 days +  
    IV Azithromycin 500 mg OD for 7 days  
    Followed by extend or change other antibiotics according to clinical and lab results.

**OR**

IV Cefoperazone + sulbactam 2g 12hrly **plus**  
PO Clarithromycin 500mg bd or IV Azithromycin 500mg infusion od x 5 days

- Severe pneumonia (hospital acquired)  
    IV Cefepime 1g 8h (ATD) + IV Meropenem 1g in N/S 100 ml (ATD) 8h, if needed add IV Moxifloxacin 400mg OD (ATD) for 7-14 days  
    (Attending physician can modify antibiotic regimen if necessary)

Closely monitor patients with SARI for signs of clinical deterioration, such as rapidly progressive respiratory failure and sepsis, and apply supportive care interventions immediately

Understand the patient's co-morbid condition(s) to tailor the management of critical illness and appreciate the prognosis. Communicate early with patient and family

**D. Treatment of complications**

Respiratory Failure & ARDS -	Mechanical ventilation
Septic shock -	Fluid resuscitation with 250–500 mL crystalloid fluid as rapid bolus in first 15–30 minutes and reassess for signs of fluid overload after each bolus. Administer Noradrenalin if shock persists during or after fluid resuscitation, consider dobutamine if not responded to fluid and noradrenalin, etc.

\* Do not use hypotonic crystalloids, starches, or gelatins for resuscitation.

Fluid resuscitation may lead to volume overload, including respiratory failure. If

there is no response to fluid loading and signs of volume overload appear (for example, jugular venous distension, crackles on lung auscultation, pulmonary oedema on imaging, or hepatomegaly in children)

Administer vasopressors when shock persists during or after fluid resuscitation. Norepinephrine is considered first-line in adult patients

### **Noradrenaline Infusion**

Rate	ml/hr				
	40kg	45kg	50kg	55kg	60 kg
0.05ug/kg/min	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9
0.1 ug/kg/min	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.8
0.15 ug/kg/min	1.8	2	2.3	2.5	2.7
0.2 ug/kg/min	2.4	2.7	3	3.3	3.6
0.25 ug/kg/min	3	3.4	3.8	4.1	4.5

### **E. Prevention of complications**

- For prophylaxis of venous-thromboembolism, consider LMWH (low molecular-weight heparin) OD or unfractionated heparin 5000 units subcutaneously twice daily in adolescents and adults without contraindications. For those with contraindications, use mechanical prophylaxis (intermittent pneumatic compression devices).
- Turn patient every two hours
- Give early enteral nutrition (within 24–48 hours of admission)
- Administer H<sub>2</sub> blockers or PPI in patients with risk factors for GI bleeding.
- Actively mobilize the patient early in the course of illness when safe to do so

### **F. Therapeutic Option for COVID-19 Disease**

*This option is needed to consult with central level clinical management committee before starting it.*

- For patients with confirmed **COVID-19 Disease (mild, moderate and severe disease)**, start hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) if there are no contraindications.
  - 400 mg BD for 1 day followed by
  - 200 mg BD for 4 days

### *Contra-indications to HCQ*

- QTc > 500 msec
- drug interaction
- Myasthenia gravis
- Porphyria
- Retinal pathology
- Epilepsy

*Note: Pregnancy is not a contraindication as such. Perform basic biochemistry daily and ECG daily if initial QTc > 450 msec. Avoid quinolones if possible, or monitor closely the QT if these antibiotics are needed.*

- For patients with confirmed **COVID-19 Critical disease** ( $\geq 1$  of the following:  Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome  Sepsis  Altered consciousness  Multi-organ failure), start hydroxychloroquine, crushed in nasogastric tube at the same dosage and monitor as above.

### *Important side effects of HCQ*

- Prolonged QT interval
- Haemolysis with G6PD deficiency
- Retinopathy with retinal pigmentation changes

### *Alternative therapy*

If HCQ is not available, consider

- Chloroquine base 600mg (4 tabs) stat,
- 300mg (2 tabs) after 12h , followed by
- 300mg (2 tabs) BD for 4 days

*\*\*Attending physician decision should be taken into account for use of HCQ.*

*\*\*Caution is required in cardiac, liver and renal failure when using HCQ.*

*\*\*Counseling should be done before administering Hydroxychloroquine or Chloroquine to patients and consent should be taken.*

*\*\*Patients should be monitored for side effects and to give appropriate prompt action if present.*

### **G. Adjunctive therapies for COVID-19: corticosteroids**

- Do not routinely give systemic corticosteroids for treatment of viral pneumonia.

### **H. Treatment of pregnant patients**

- Considering asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 may be possible in pregnant or recently pregnant women, all women with epidemiologic history of contact should be carefully monitored.
- Pregnant women with suspected, probable, or confirmed COVID-19 should have access to woman-centred, respectful skilled care, including obstetric, fetal medicine and neonatal care, as well as mental health and psychosocial support, with readiness to care for maternal and neonatal complications.
- Pregnant and recently pregnant women who have recovered from COVID-19 should be enabled and encouraged to attend routine antenatal, postpartum, or postabortion care as appropriate. counselling on safe infant feeding and appropriate IPC measures to prevent COVID-19 virus transmission should also be done.
- Emergency delivery and pregnancy termination decisions are challenging and based on many factors: gestational age, maternal condition, and fetal stability.
- Consultations with obstetric, neonatal, and intensive care specialists (depending on the condition of the mother) are essential.

### **I. Monitoring**

- Signs of clinical deterioration, such as rapidly progressive respiratory failure and sepsis and respond immediately with supportive care interventions.

### **J. Management of critical COVID-19: acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)**

#### **ICU Management Guideline**

#### **Criteria for ICU Admission (If any of one)**

1. Respiratory rate  $\geq 30$ /min
2. SpO<sub>2</sub> <90% with standard Oxygen Therapy (face mask with reservoir bag 10-15 L/min)
3. SpO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> < 315

4.  $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 200$  (If ABG available) (Moderate ARDS)
5. Severe pneumonia with sepsis/ septic shock

Closed observation and monitoring, optimization of oxygenation to maintain  $\text{SpO}_2 > 90\%$

**Criteria for endotracheal intubation should be based on individual situation. The followings are red signs;**

1. Respiratory rate  $> 35/\text{min}$ , severe respiratory distress with increased work of breathing
2.  $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 200$  (If ABG available) or  $\text{SpO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 150$
3. Severe acidosis  $\text{pH} < 7.25$  (If ABG available)
4. Altered mental status
5. Haemodynamic instability ( $\text{MAP} \leq 65 \text{ mmHg}$ ) after fluid resuscitation and vasopressor/inotrope support) (according to updated SSC guideline Hour 1 bundle)

**Endotracheal intubation must be followed the COVID-19 Airway management principles, WFSA guideline.**

Endotracheal intubation should be performed by a trained and experienced provider using airborne precautions.

Remarks: Patients with ARDS, especially young children or those who are obese or pregnant, may desaturate quickly during intubation. Pre-oxygenate with 100%  $\text{FiO}_2$  for 5 minutes. Rapid sequence intubation is appropriate after an airway assessment.

## **VENTILATOR SETUP AND ADJUSTMENT**

1. Calculate predicted body weight (PBW)
  - a. Males =  $50 + 2.3 [\text{height (inches)} - 60]$
  - b. Females =  $45.5 + 2.3 [\text{height (inches)} - 60]$
2. Select any ventilator mode, AC or SIMV mode
3. Initial tidal volume is 6 ml/kg PBW; tidal volume up to 8 ml/kg PBW
4. Set initial rate to approximate baseline minute ventilation (not  $> 35 \text{ bpm}$ ).
5. Adjust PEEP (5-15) and  $\text{FiO}_2$  to achieve  $\text{SpO}_2$  88-92% ( $\text{PaO}_2$ - 55-80 mmHg) lower inspiratory pressures (plateau pressure  $< 30 \text{ cmH}_2\text{O}$ ).
6. The use of deep sedation may be required to control respiratory drive and to reduce the patient-ventilator dys-synchrony.
7. Use a conservative fluid management strategy for ARDS patients without tissue hypoperfusion.
8. In patients with moderate-severe ARDS ( $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 < 150$ ), neuromuscular blockade by continuous infusion should not be routinely used.

## **Discharge Criteria**

### **For PUI case came out COVID-19 negative result from Swab**

- 1) Move from isolation ward to cohort room (so call room to meet others plan for DC)
- 2) Need to explore DC parade and counseling in 2 days stay in cohort room.
- 3) Afebrile and resolving respiratory symptoms for at least 48 hours, and, stable on co-morbid conditions for at least 48 hours (if co-morbid condition is not stable, refer to appropriate specialist for consultation)
- 4) Follow-up on 2 weeks after discharge (if anything happens, return to hospital anytime)

### **Discharge Criteria for discharge of confirmed COVID-19**

- 1) Afebrile for at least 48 hours
- 2) Resolving respiratory symptom (cough, dyspnea)
- 3) Improving radiological signs
- 4) Improved well-being
- 5) At least 2 consecutive sets of nasopharyngeal or throat swabs collected  $\geq 24$  hours apart from a patient with COVID-19.
- 6) Home or facility quarantine for 14 days (after asymptomatic condition) after discharge

## **COVID-19 Airway management principles according to WFSA guideline**

### **High Risk Procedures – Tracheal Intubation and other Aerosol-generating medical procedures**

- Limit staff present at tracheal intubation: one intubator, one assistant and one to administer drugs/monitor patient.
- Preferably, the most experienced anaesthesiologist should perform the intubation.
- Create a COVID-19 tracheal intubation trolley that can be used in ICU or elsewhere.
- PPE is effective and must be worn. Wear full PPE at all times. Consider double gloving. Defog goggles and/or eye wear if possible. Touch as little as possible in the room to avoid fomites.
- Everyone should know the plan before entering the room – use a checklist to achieve this.
- Plan how to communicate before entering the room.
- All preparations of airway equipment and drugs that can take place outside the room should do.
- Before the procedure begins, ensure all equipment is ready: standard monitoring equipment, iv access, drugs. Ensure ventilator and suction equipment is functional.
- Focus on safety, promptness and reliability. Aim to succeed at the first attempt because multiple attempts increase risk to sick patients and staff. Do not rush but make each attempt the best it can be.
- Place an HME with viral filter between the catheter mount and the circuit at all times. Keep it dry to avoid blocking.
- Avoid aerosol-generating procedure, including high-flow nasal oxygen, non-invasive ventilation, bronchoscopy and tracheal suction unless an in-line suction system is in place.
- Use RSI with cricoid force where a trained assistant can apply it. Take it off if it causes difficulty. Five minutes of preoxygenation with oxygen 100% and RSI in order to avoid manual ventilation and potential aerosolization of infectious respiratory droplets. If manual ventilation is required, apply small tidal volumes only.
- To avoid cardiovascular collapse, use ketamine 1–2 mg.kg<sup>-1</sup>, suxamethonium 1.5 mg.kg<sup>-1</sup>.
- Have a vasopressor for bolus or infusion (noradrenalin 0.05-1 µg/kg/min) immediately available for managing hypotension.
- Communicate clearly: simple instructions, closed loop communication (repeat instructions back), adequate volume without shouting.
- Place a nasogastric tube after tracheal intubation is completed and ventilation established safely.
- Discard disposable equipment safely after use. Decontaminate reusable equipment fully and according to manufacturer's instructions.
- After leaving the room ensure doffing of PPE is meticulous.

## Emergency tracheal intubation checklist COVID-19

Personal Protective  
Equipment

Prepare Equipment

Prepare for Difficulty

In the Room

Post-procedure and  
Safety

### OUTSIDE ROOM

- PPE – be thorough, don't rush
- Wash hands
- Put on PPE
  - Long sleeved gown
  - FFP3 mask
  - Gloves
  - Eyewear
  - Wipeable shoes
  - ± Headwear
- Check fully by buddy with checklist
- Names on visors

- Allocate roles:
  - Team leader and intubator
  - Cricoid force and intubator's assistant
  - Drugs, monitor, timer
  - Runner (outside)
  - eFONA

- How do we contact further help if required?

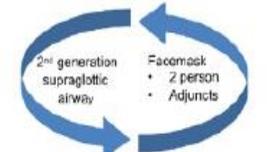
- Check kit
  - BMV or Mapleson C with HME attached
  - Guedel
  - Working suction
  - Videolaryngoscope
  - Bougie/stylet
  - Two tracheal tubes, ties and syringe
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> generation SGA
  - eFONA set

- Do you have all the drugs required?
  - Ketamine
  - Relaxant
  - Vasopressor
  - Maintenance sedation

- Weight?

- Allergies?

- If the airway is difficult, could we wake the patient up?
- What is the plan for a difficult intubation?
  - Plan A: RSI
  - Plan B/C: 2-handed 2-person BMV & 2<sup>nd</sup> generation SGA



- Plan D: e.g. Front of neck airway: scalpel bougie tube

- Confirm agreed plan

- Does anyone have any concerns?

### INSIDE ROOM

- Airway assessment
  - Identify CTM
  - MACOCHA
- Apply monitors
  - Waveform capnography
  - SpO<sub>2</sub> probe
  - ECG
  - Blood pressure

- Checked IV access (x2)

- Optimise position
  - Consider ramping or reverse Trendelenburg

- Optimal preoxygenation
  - 3 mins
  - ETO<sub>2</sub> > 85%
  - Low flow nasal O<sub>2</sub>

- Optimise patient condition before intubation?
  - Fluid/pressor/ inotrope
  - Aspirate NGT
  - Delayed sequence induction?

### AFTER AND LEAVING

- Airway management
  - Establish ventilation after cuff inflation
  - Check waveform capnography
  - Clamp tracheal tube before each disconnection
  - Avoid unnecessary disconnections

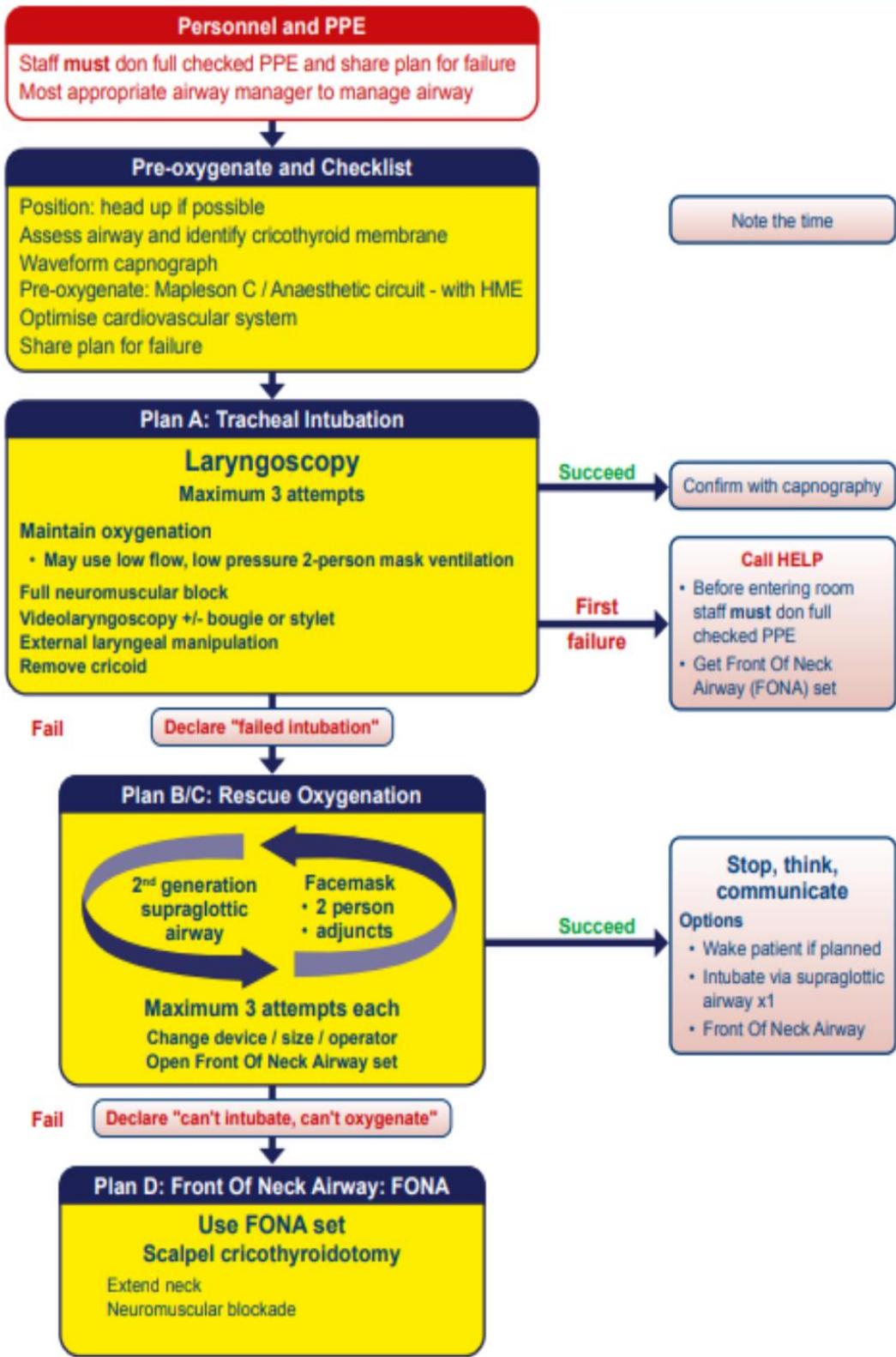
- Other
  - Insert NGT
  - Consider deep tracheal viral sample

- Careful equipment disposal

- Decontamination of reusable

- Remove PPE
  - Observed by buddy
  - Use checklist
  - Meticulous disposal
  - Wash hands

# Tracheal intubation of critically ill adults Adapted for COVID-19



## VI. Paediatric Clinical Management Guidelines for COVID-19 Acute Respiratory

### Disease

#### Clinical syndromes associated with COVID-19

<b>Uncomplicated illness</b>	Patients with uncomplicated upper respiratory tract viral infection, may have non-specific symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, malaise, headache, muscle pain or malaise. The elderly and immunosuppressed may present with atypical symptoms. These patients do not have any signs of dehydration, sepsis or shortness of breath.
<b>Mild pneumonia</b>	Child with non-severe pneumonia has cough or difficulty breathing + fast breathing: fast breathing (in breaths/min): <2 months, $\geq 60$ ; 2– 11 months, $\geq 50$ ; 1–5 years, $\geq 40$ and no signs of severe pneumonia.
<b>Severe pneumonia</b>	Child with cough or difficulty in breathing, plus at least one of the following: central cyanosis or SpO <sub>2</sub> <90%; severe respiratory distress (e.g. grunting, very severe chest indrawing); signs of pneumonia with a general danger sign: inability to breastfeed or drink, lethargy or unconsciousness, or convulsions. Other signs of pneumonia may be present: chest indrawing, fast breathing (in breaths/min): <2 months, $\geq 60$ ; 2–11 months, $\geq 50$ ; 1–5 years, $\geq 40$ . The diagnosis is clinical; chest imaging can exclude complications.
<b>Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome</b>	Onset: new or worsening respiratory symptoms within one week of known clinical insult. Chest imaging (radiograph, CT scan, or lung ultrasound): bilateral opacities, not fully explained by effusions, lobar or lung collapse, or nodules. Origin of oedema: respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload. Need objective assessment (e.g. echocardiography) to exclude hydrostatic cause of oedema if no risk factor present.
<b>Sepsis</b>	Children: suspected or proven infection and $\geq 2$ SIRS criteria, of which one must be abnormal temperature or white blood cell count.

<b>Septic shock</b>	Children : any hypotension (SBP <5th centile or >2 SD below normal for age) or 2-3 of the following: altered mental state; tachycardia or bradycardia (HR <90 bpm or >160 bpm in infants and HR <70 bpm or >150 bpm in children); prolonged capillary refill (>2 sec) or warm vasodilation with bounding pulses; tachypnea; mottled skin or petechial or purpuric rash; increased lactate; oliguria; hyperthermia or hypothermia.
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### **Early supportive therapy and monitoring**

Give supplemental oxygen therapy

Children with emergency signs (obstructed or absent breathing, severe respiratory distress, central cyanosis, shock, coma or convulsions) should receive oxygen therapy during resuscitation to target SpO<sub>2</sub> ≥94%; otherwise, the target SpO<sub>2</sub> is ≥90%  
Empiric antimicrobials will be given by the decision of attending paediatrician.

### **Management of septic shock**

Recognize septic shock in children with any hypotension (systolic blood pressure [SBP] <5th centile or >2 SD below normal for age) or 2-3 of the following: altered mental state; tachycardia or bradycardia (HR <90 bpm or >160 bpm in infants and HR <70 bpm or >150 bpm in children); prolonged capillary refill (>2 sec) or warm vasodilation with bounding pulses; tachypnea; mottled skin or petechial or purpuric rash; increased lactate; oliguria; hyperthermia or hypothermia.

In resuscitation from septic shock in children in well-resourced settings, give 20 ml/kg as a rapid bolus and up to 40-60 ml/kg in the first 1 hr

### **Indication For Transfer ICU**

- Haemodynamic Instability
- Recurrent Apnoea or Slow irregular
- Breathing Rising. R R. And PR
- Failure to maintain. SpO<sub>2</sub> < 92 % with 8 lit of O<sub>2</sub>

### **Monitoring (Needing Children for admission)**

- RR, HR, SpO<sub>2</sub>, Chest Indrawing and use of accessory muscle of respiration be monitored by 4 hourly

### **Antibiotic Therapy**

- Viral pneumonia - no need for antibiotics
- Bacteria pneumonia if high Temperatures > 38 degrees Centigrade, High RR, Chest Recession

### **Children < 5 years of age First line Antibiotic**

- PO Amoxicillin 40 mg / kg per dose twice daily for 5 days

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> line of Antibiotic**

- Co-amoxicillin 30 mg/kg/dose 3 times per day x 5-7 days
- Second or third generation Cephalosporins ( Cefurixine, Cefprozil )

### **Children > 5 year and Older**

- **First line** - Amoxicillin
- **Second line** - high Suspicion of Atypical Pneumonia – Azthromycin

For. 6 months and 17 years 10mg / kg per dose

- (Maximum 500 mg. Od For 3 days)

### **Antibiotic therapy for in patient First line.**

- Injection Ampicillin 50 mg / kg per dose IV / IM Gentamicin 7.5 mg / kg per dose
- Injection Benzyl Penicillin ( C pen ) 50, 000unit per kg per dose OD for 5 to 7 days

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> line.**

- Injection Ceftriaxone 50 mg/ kg per OD IV / I'm
- Injection Co Amoxi Clav 30 mg / kg of Amoxicillin 8 hourly Or IV / I M Injection  
Cefotaxime 200 mg / kg per day 3 divided dose IV / IM. OR Injection  
Cefuroxime 150 mg / kg per dose.

**3<sup>rd</sup> line** Injection Ceftazidime 30 mg / kg per dose 8 hourly

Other Aminoglycoside (Amikacin 2 mg / kg per dose 12 hourly if Sepsis is suspected)

### **Duration for In-patient settings**

- Total duration - 7 days for mild to moderate patient More Severe case for 10 days
- Start with IV and Change Oral once
- The Clinical respond is good and the Child can Take Orally If the Child is vomiting
- Should be IV fluid. 80 % maintenance level and Serum Electrolyte.
- Should be monitored
- It is important to maintain SpO<sub>2</sub> > 92 % For Children who are restless, tachycoeic with severe chest indrawing, Cyanosis. Or not tolerate food
  - Nasal catheter , face mask or head box Posture Control
  - Oral paracetamol 15 mg/ kg per dose every 4 to 6 hourly to reduce the discomfort

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