



Pandemic Influenza Triage Algorithm

PITA Level 1 (Resuscitation) Triage Form

Resuscitation Is Required!

Patient Name: _____

Date: _____

Vital Signs: T: _____ P: _____ R: _____

BP: _____

Airway

Inability to protect/maintain airway (respiratory failure/exhaustion) Yes No

Needing interventions like BVM ventilation, intubation or BiPAP/CPAP Yes No

Other:

Breathing

Oxygen saturation <90% Record O₂ Sat ____ Yes No

Severe respiratory distress Yes No

Breathlessness Yes No

Apnea Yes No

Excessive work of breathing (e.g., exaggerated retractions/nasal flaring, tripod position) Yes No

Extremely labored breathing/grunting Yes No

Cyanosis Yes No

Other:

Circulation

Cardiopulmonary arrest Yes No

Weak, thready or absent pulse Yes No

Cool, clammy Yes No

Marked pallor, delayed capillary refill, mottling Yes No

Needing interventions (ACLS or PALS resuscitation, large volumes of fluid or vasopressors) Yes No

Other:



Mental Status

Unresponsive (nonverbal, not following commands, requires noxious stimuli – P or U on AVPU scale) Yes No

Strikingly agitated or irritable Yes No

Active seizures Yes No

Infants – decreased responsiveness and poor muscle tone Yes No

Other:

Notes:

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