

Pandemic Influenza Triage Algorithm

PITA Level 2 (Emergent) Triage Form

Patient Is Toxic and/or at High Risk for Deterioration or Hospitalization!

Patient Name: _____

Date: _____

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

BP: _____

Toxic Appearance

Yes No

Respiratory

Oxygen saturation 90 or 91%

Yes No

Moderate respiratory distress

Yes No

Shortness of breath

Yes No

Breathing fast or slow

Yes No

Increased work of breathing

Yes No

(e.g., nasal flaring, mild retractions
or grunting)

Infants – inability to feed

Yes No

Neurological

Acute mental status change (from baseline):

- Unable to follow simple commands
- Confused/lethargic/disoriented

Yes No

Yes No

Infants – extremely irritable, inconsolable

Yes No

Other:

High Risk for Deterioration/Hospitalization

Yes No

High Risk

Patient has ILI symptoms and is in high-risk group

Yes No

Patient is immunocompromised (caused by HIV or by medication, such as
chemotherapy or chronic steroids)

Yes No

Other:



Co-Morbidities/Considerations

Asthma – moderate to severe

Yes No

COPD, cystic fibrosis or other chronic lung disease

Yes No

Yes No

Specify:

Serious congenital heart disease

Yes No

Specify:

Congestive heart failure

Yes No

Renal disease

Yes No

Sickle cell disease or other serious anemias

Yes No

Chronic neurologic or neuromuscular conditions (e.g., muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy, stroke or multiple sclerosis)

Yes No

Specify:

Chronic metabolic, hepatic or hematologic disorders

Yes No

Specify:

Elderly

Yes No

Residents of chronic care facilities

Yes No

Other:

Patient Has Significant Abnormalities in Vital Signs

Yes No

Specify:

Notes:

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