Croup Pathway

Clinical assessment / management tool for children with croup

Management - Acute Care Setting





Assessment	Green - Low Risk	Amber - Intermediate Risk	Red – high
Behaviour	• Alert	• Alert	 Disorientated or drowsy
Sats	• >94% Pink	• >94% Pink	• <94% pale or cyanosed
Respiratory	 Stridor only when upset No recession Normal air entry 	 Stridor at rest Some recession Decreased air entry 	 Biphasic stridor* (May be quite Severe recession Severely decreased air entry Leaning forward to breathe (7)
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This writing of this guideline involved extensive consultation with healthcare professionals in Wessex

This document was arrived at after careful consideration of the evidence available including but not exclusively NICE, SIGN, EBM data and NHS evidence, as applicable. Healthcare professionals are expected to take it fully into account when exercising their clinical judgement. The guidance does not, however, override the individual responsibility of healthcare professionals to make decisions appropriate to the circumstances of the individual patient in consultation with the patient and / or carer.





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- uiet if life threatening)
- (Tripod breathing)



- Move to resus for immediate paediatric
- Adrenaline neb (0.4ml/kg 1:1000 up to 5ml) Dexamethasone up to 0.6mg/kg (max 12mg) orally and consider budesonide nebuliser 2mg

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