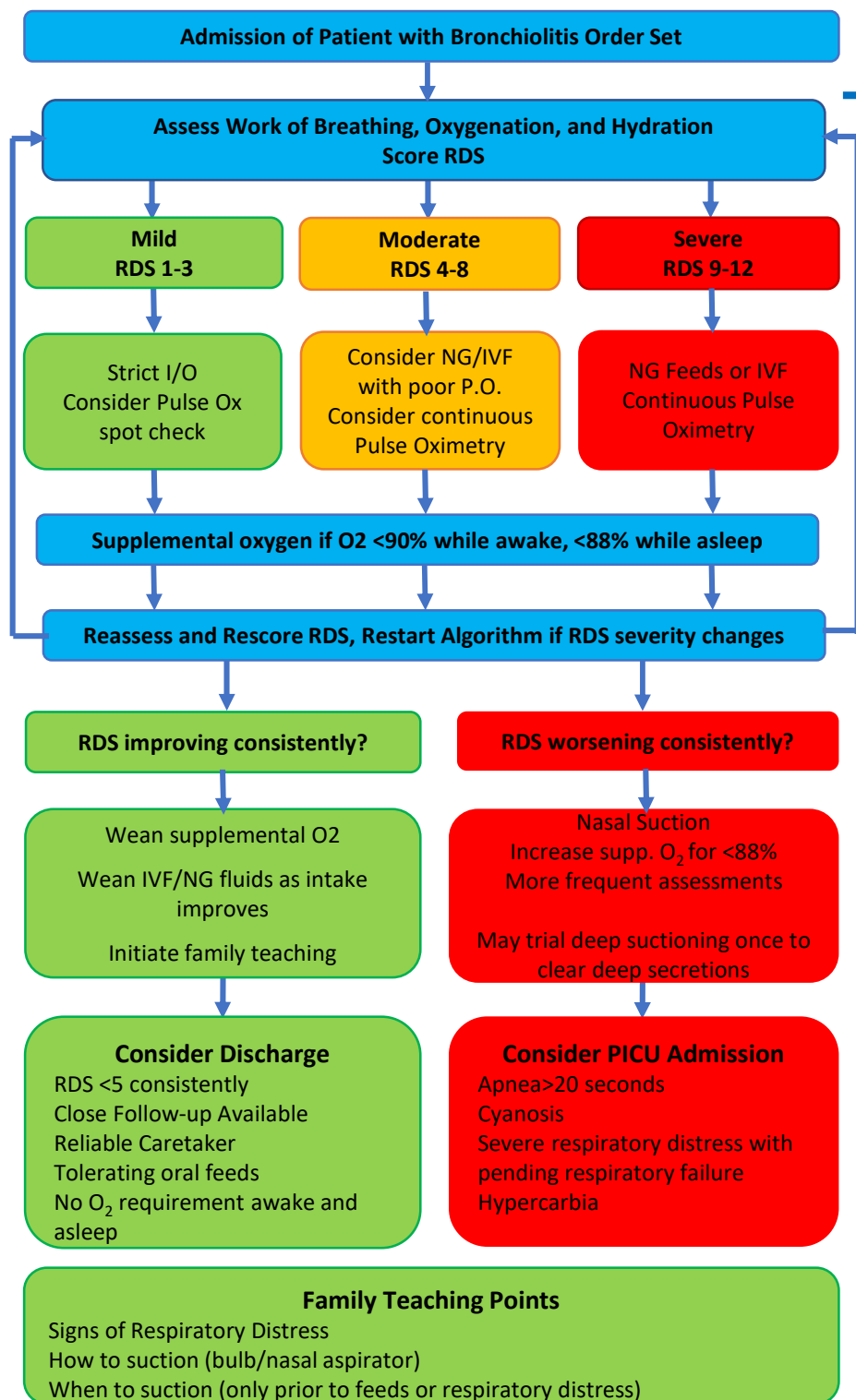


Bronchiolitis Inpatient Pathway



Inclusion Criteria

2 months to 2 years
History and exam consistent with bronchiolitis

Exclusion Criteria

Congenital heart disease
Anatomic airway defects
Chronic lung disease
Neurologic disease
Immunodeficiency
Premature <35 weeks

Tests/Therapies Not Typically Indicated

Albuterol
Epinephrine
Hypertonic Saline
Steroids
Antibiotics
Chest Physiotherapy
Chest X-Rays
Viral Studies (except Influenza)

Consider Chest X-Ray When:

Persistent Focal Exam Findings
Airway Complication
Worsening condition
New murmur

Respiratory Distress Score (Table 1)

Severity Score	0 points	1 points	2 points	3 points
Resp Rate				
<3 months		<60	61-69	>70
3-12 months		<50	51-59	>60
1-2 years		<40	41-44	>45
Auscultation	No wheezing	End expiratory wheeze only	Expiratory wheeze (greater than end-expiratory)	Inspiratory and expiratory wheeze
Retractions	None	Subcostal or intercostal	2 of the following: subcostal, intercostal, substernal, or nasal flaring	3 of the following: subcostal, intercostal, substernal, or nasal flaring
Dyspnea	Normal feeding, vocalizations and activity	1 of the following: difficulty feeding, decreased vocalization or agitated	2 of the following: difficulty feeding, decreased vocalization or agitated	Stops feeding, no vocalization, drowsy or confused