Bronchiolitis Clinical Practice Guideline



Inclusion Criteria:

Age less than 2 years

Clinical symptoms of viral Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)- cough, congestion, respiratory distress, tachypnea, difficulty feeding, wheeze, fever, etc.

Exclusion Criteria:

Cardiac disease requiring medication Anatomic airway defects Neuromuscular disease Immunodeficiency Chronic lung disease

Clinical Recommendations Summary:

The following are not routinely recommended:

- Viral testing (except febrile infants less than 28 days or if influenza or Covid suspected)
- Chest XR
- Albuterol
- Steroids
- Racemic Epinephrine
- Antibiotics
- Chest physiotherapy
- Hypertonic Saline
- Montelukast

Risk Factors for Severe Course of Illness:

- Less than 12 weeks of age
- History of Prematurity less than 36 weeks

Mary Bridge Children's clinical practice guidelines are based upon publicly available medical evidence. Guidelines are intended to be a guide for practitioners and should not substitute for appropriate medical advice or situationally appropriate medical decision making. Guidelines should be adapted as clinically appropriate based on patient characteristics, circumstances, resources, or specific patient/family needs or wishes.

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Bronchiolitis Clinical Practice Guideline Inpatient



Bronchiolitis Clinical Practice Guideline High Flow Nasal Cannula



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Bronchiolitis Clinical Practice Guideline High Flow Holiday





Bronchiolitis Clinical Practice Guideline Respiratory Scoring



	O Points	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points
Respiratory Rate				
< 2 months	<50	50-60	61-69	≥ 70
2 months- 1 year	<40	40-50	51-59	≥ 60
1-2 years	<30	30-40	41-44	≥ 45
Respiratory Work	None	Subcostal OR	2 of the following:	3 of the following:
(retractions/		intercostal	Subcostal,	Subcostal, intercostal,
accessory muscle		retractions	intercostal,	substernal,
use)			substernal, OR	supraclavicular, nasal
			nasal flare	flare, head bobbing
Dyspnea/Mental	Normal level	More fussy	Difficulty feeding,	Stops feeding, no
Status**	of alertness,	than baseline	decreased	vocalization, OR
	feeding well,	OR mild	vocalization OR	drowsy/confused
	normal	difficulty with	agitated OR	
	vocalizations	feeding	restless	
Auscultation	Good air	Mild wheeze	>end expiratory	Inspiratory AND
	movement, no	present, end	wheeze OR	expiratory wheeze OR
	wheezing, +/-	expiratory	prolonged	diminished breath
	crackles	only	expiratory phase	sounds OR both

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