

# Infectious Disease

## Triage

ACTIVATED 3/20/20 under EMS  
Crisis Matrix and Colorado  
Crisis Standard of Care.

### DESCRIPTION

To identify patients who select out for transport to a hospital during system capacity events. This guideline will be activated/deactivated by Medical Director in consultation with EMS agency leadership and/or Incident Command. This guideline is based on current best evidence/recommendations.

### PURPOSE FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE TRIAGE

- 1) Protection of patients from potential communicable diseases through EMS transport and hospital evaluation.
- 2) Reduce risks to vulnerable populations.
- 3) Ensure EMS and Fire resilience for all hazards response.
- 4) Decrease exposure risk to first responders and their families.
- 5) Decrease exposure risk to hospital/healthcare facility staff.
- 6) Ensure healthcare facility resilience during public health events.
- 7) Protection of the community from increased exposure risk.
- 8) Optimizing PPE utilization during public health events.

### CONSENT

Verbal consent is documented for patients during a time of the infectious disease pandemic to avoid transmission of the disease to our healthcare providers and future patients. Confirm if patient has a MOST, DNR, or DNI directives.

### DOCUMENTATION OF TRIAGE TO TREATMENT IN PLACE

- 1) All inclusion and exclusion criteria MUST be documented in the PCR.
- 2) The PCR MUST specifically state which agency and provider has been contacted regarding 12 – 24 hour follow up.
- 3) The transcript of the electronic release of care must be attached to the PCR.
- 4) The follow up phone number as well as family contact must be documented in the PCR.
- 5) The level of PPE for the providers must be documented in the PCR.
- 6) Documentation of leaving the Patient Information Form must be in PCR.
- 7) Documentation of any medications left with the patient as well as the use must be in the PCR.

### GUIDANCE FOR EMS RETURN

- 1) Patient starts to experience ***severe shortness of breath, confusion or altered mental status, syncope, moderate to severe chest pain, inability to tolerate food or liquids, or skin cyanosis.***
- 2) Patient requests reevaluation by EMS.

### RELEASE OF CARE PHONE LINE

Dial 719-686-6663

### MODIFIED SHOCK INDEX

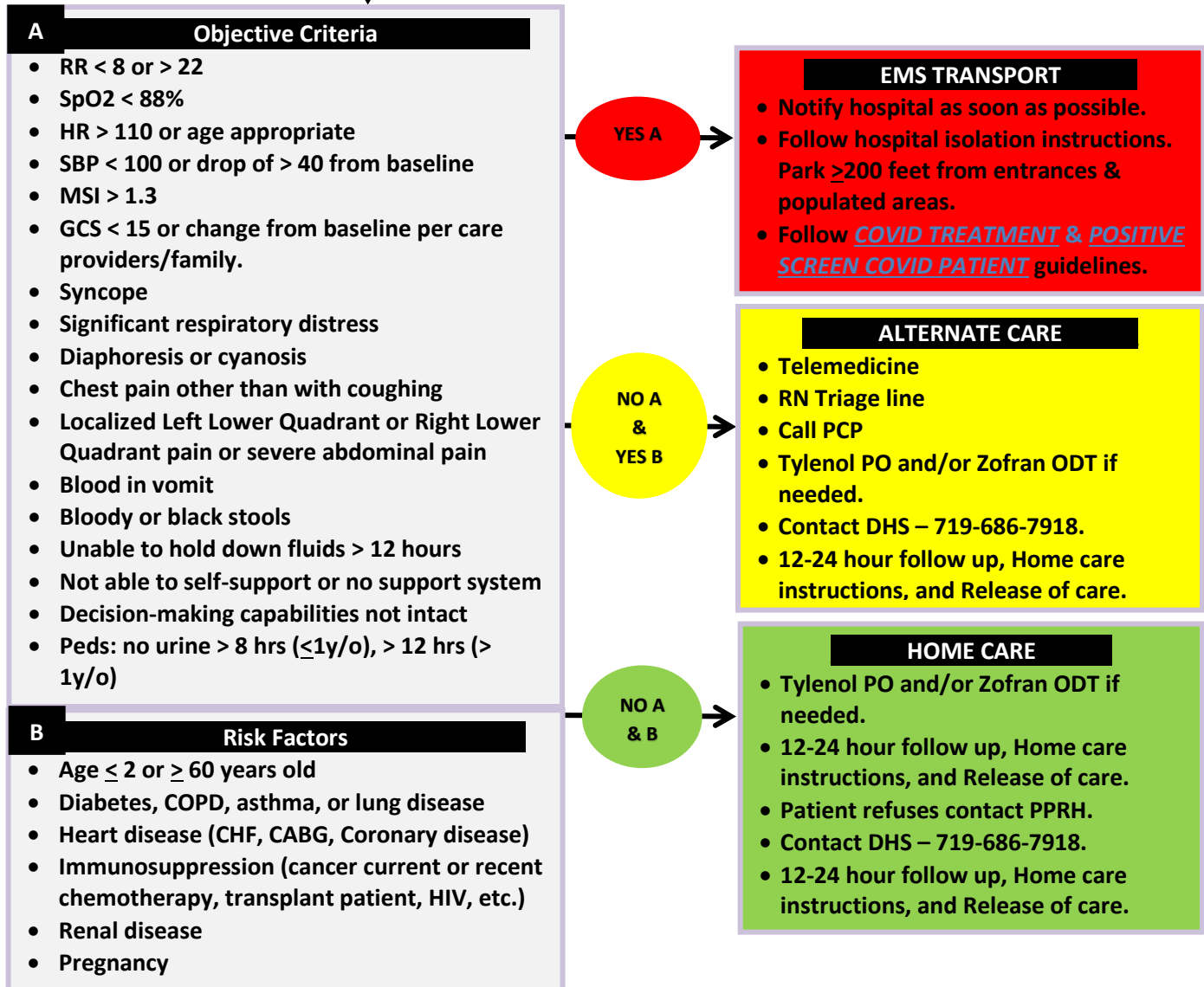
MSI = Heart rate/MAP

MAP = [(DBP x 2) + SBP]/3

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Initial Assessment refer to [RESPIRATORY ISOLATION](#) guideline for initial encounter.



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