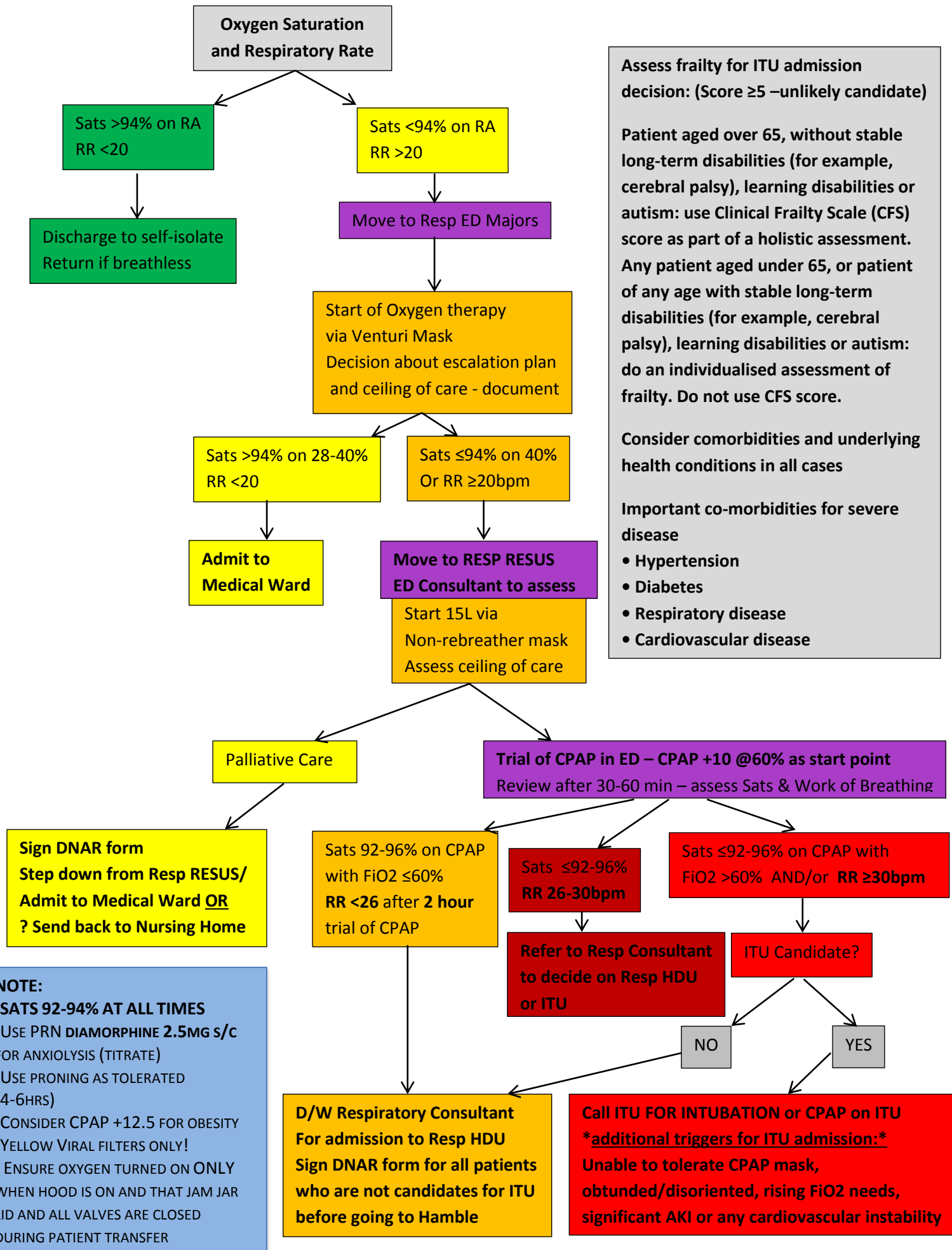


Adult Escalation plan for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 with Type 1 Resp Failure



Assess frailty for ITU admission decision: (Score ≥5 –unlikely candidate)

Patient aged over 65, without stable long-term disabilities (for example, cerebral palsy), learning disabilities or autism: use Clinical Frailty Scale (CFS) score as part of a holistic assessment. Any patient aged under 65, or patient of any age with stable long-term disabilities (for example, cerebral palsy), learning disabilities or autism: do an individualised assessment of frailty. Do not use CFS score.

Consider comorbidities and underlying health conditions in all cases

Important co-morbidities for severe disease

- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Respiratory disease
- Cardiovascular disease

NOTE:

- SATS 92-94% AT ALL TIMES
- USE PRN DIAMORPHINE 2.5MG s/c FOR ANXIOLYSIS (TITRATE)
- USE PRONING AS TOLERATED (4-6HRS)
- CONSIDER CPAP +12.5 FOR OBESITY
- YELLOW VIRAL FILTERS ONLY!
- ENSURE OXYGEN TURNED ON ONLY WHEN HOOD IS ON AND THAT JAM JAR LID AND ALL VALVES ARE CLOSED DURING PATIENT TRANSFER

Call ITU FOR INTUBATION or CPAP on ITU

additional triggers for ITU admission:

- Unable to tolerate CPAP mask,
- obtunded/disoriented, rising FiO2 needs,
- significant AKI or any cardiovascular instability