

## All Wales Guideline for the Management of patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 in the Community during winter 2020/21

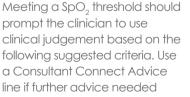
A dynamic national guideline to safely manage patients in the community and to safely manage the flow of patients into hospital

STEP 1 INFORMATION: TELEPHONE TRIAGE	AIM 2 - Selected po	ocate the right resources to the right people at the right time ients are monitored with safely netting to detect deterioration early VID infection status prior to hospital admission to reduce hospital transmission	STEP 2 INFORMATION: IN-PERSON ASSESSMEN	
Deteriorating patient or no improvement after		111/GP COVID confirmed/suspected	In-person assessment	
7 days		An in-person assessment can be undertaken in a designated room in the		
Especially those in high risk category, worsening or non- resolving symptoms: • Breathlessness • Fever		GP practice or Cluster Hub or at the patients home, using PPE.		
		Risk stratify your patient to		
Low risk patients for SpO <sub>2</sub> monitoring may not require physical examination		Concern with deteriorating patient or no improvement after 7 days	help determine whether they require admission to hospital or management in the community with safety netting.	
Consider palliative care and ethical framework			allwales.icst.org.uk/education/in-person- assessment/	
allwales.icst.org.uk/education/palliative-care/		STEP 2: IN-PERSON ASSESSMENT	Likely other respiratory	
EP 3 INFORMATION:		Assess severity Likely COVID/flu Likely COVID/flu	The differential diagnosis of patients presenting with suspected COVID-19 include:	
Understanding SpO <sub>2</sub> and COVID Test			<ul><li>Pneumonia</li><li>Exacerbation, or</li></ul>	
Emerging evidence suggests that people may not present with breathlessness despite		<ul> <li>worsening of an</li> <li>underlying lung disease</li> <li>Other viral illnesses</li> </ul>		
ignificant hypoxaemia. If uncertain, a low threshold for oulse oximetry is advised.	High risk criteria or Sp0₂ ≤92%	Moderate risk criteria or Sp0 <sub>2</sub> >92% and <95% Low risk criteria Sp0 <sub>2</sub> ≥95%	allwales.icst.org.uk/education/other-respirator	
Health Boards to oversee point of care testing (POCT)				
distribution in the community, pre-hospital, and/or Emergency			High risk criteria	
Departments.	If no COVID status perform POCT	If no COVID status perform POCT COVID	• Hypoxaemia in any patient* *Resting Sp0 <sub>2</sub> <88% on air or >5 below baseline in a patient with COPD	
TEP 4 INFORMATION: ANAGE	COVID test if available	test if it will change immediate management	• High risk patients with Sp0 <sub>2</sub> <95% who are deemed too sick to stay at home or adm	
COVID Front door & non COVID Front door			to virtual ward.	
	COVID COVID -ve +ve	Advise patient to Advise patient to get COVID test	<ul> <li>Moderate risk criteria</li> <li>Over age 65</li> </ul>	

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Patients not requiring admission based on decision at front door to be monitored in virtual ward



## • Virtual ward

- Continue safety netting for 14 days
- Monitor Sp0<sub>2</sub>

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