

Criteria include

- Stridor
- Anaphylaxis
- History of inhaled foreign body
- Respiratory rate <10 or signs of exhaustion
- SpO₂ on Oxygen <92% (or <88% if known COPD/chronic low SpO₂) or unrecordable
- Pulse <50 or >129
- Systolic BP <90
- GCS <13

Please note that:

- Metabolic or 'C' = **Circulation** problems (e.g. DKA, sepsis and other types of shock, or acute kidney injury) may also cause
- raised respiratory rate (typically without increased work of breathing / effort)
 - low SpO₂ (due to poor peripheral perfusion)

Exclusion criteria include

- GCS <13
- Any trauma within last week
- Receiving haemodialysis
- Age >85
- Age >70 **WITH**
 - Known dementia
 - Acute confusion
 - Care home resident
 - Recent fragility fracture
- Pregnancy known >16 weeks or presumed third trimester
- Known terminal illness (unless primary pulmonary malignancy previously managed at GGH)
- Cancer currently receiving chemo- or radiotherapy

Adults with respiratory presentations requiring assessment in hospital:
Appropriate streaming to ED or CDU by EMAS crews

