

MM TREATMENT GUIDE FOR CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS WITH COVID-19

PRESENTATION

NOTABLE SX

~65-80% Cough ~45% Febrile initially
~15% URI Sx ~10% GI Sx
Acute worsening after early mild sx- often 5-10 days from initial symptoms, **respiratory deterioration can be precipitous.**

HIGH RISK FOR SEVERE DISEASE

- Age >55, high BMI, Asthma
- Comorbid diseases:
 - Pulmonary, cardiac, renal
 - Diabetes, HTN
 - Immunocompromised state

LABS INDICATING SEVERE DISEASE

- D-dimer > 1000
- CRP > 100
- Ferritin > 300
- Absolute lymphocyte count <0.8

DIAGNOSTICS

DAILY LABS

- CBC with diff (trend lymphocyte ct)
- CMP
- CPK
- D-dimer
- Ferritin
- CRP
- LDH
- Troponin
- EKG Once on admission, then PRN to evaluate QTc if on specific meds

ONE TIME TEST FOR ALL PATIENTS

- Respiratory Viral PCR panel
- HBV. HCV. HIV testing
- SARS-CoV2 (if not already sent)

RESPIRATORY FAILURE

CONSIDER EARLY INTUBATION IN ICU

****HHFNC for select patients must be in NPR****

WARNING SIGNS: INC FiO₂, DEC SaO₂, CXR WORSE

LUNG PROTECTIVE VENTILATION

- Vt 6 ml/kg predicted body weight
- Plateau pressure <30 when possible
- Driving pressure (Pplat-PEEP) <15 when possible
- Target SaO₂ 90-96%, PaO₂ > 60
- Starting PEEP 10 cmH₂O – High PEEP strategy

CONSERVATIVE FLUID STRATEGY

- Diuresis, goal net negative 500 to 1000 cc daily
 - NO maintenance fluids

HIGH PEEP TITRATION

Best PEEP by compliance or ARDSnet HIGH PEEP table

PRONE POSITION

Early if hypoxemia; P/F Ratio \leq 150 (PROSEVA) or < 100

RESCUE THERAPIES

- NMB for vent dysynchrony, not routine
- Inhaled NO 10 ppm; Recruitment maneuvers

IF WORSENING

ECMO CONSULT

If worsening hypoxemia
EOLIA criteria:
P/F < 50, FiO₂ > 0.8, 3 hrs
P/F < 80, FiO₂ > 0.8, 6 hrs

DAILY QUALITY BUNDLE

- Daily SAT/SBT when appropriate
- Extubate in NPR
- If HHFNC, stay in NPR
- ABCDE bundle

HEMODYNAMICS

- Norepinephrine first vasopressor
- **IF WORSENING:**
 - Consider myocarditis/cardiogenic shock
 - Obtain POCUS echo. EKG, trop. scV02 (formal TTE if high concern)
 - Consider possible Pulmonary Embolus

CHANGE TO USUAL CARE

- **NO ROUTINE DAILY CXR**
- MINIMIZE staff contact in room
- BUNDLE bedside procedures
- HIGH THRESHOLD for bronchoscopy
- HIGH THRESHOLD for travel
- Appropriate guideline-based isolation for aerosol generating procedures:
 - Bronchoscopy
 - Intubation/extubation
 - AVOID nebs, prefer MDIs

THERAPEUTICS

ALL ICU ADMISSIONS

- Empiric antibiotics for CAP/HAP
- WITH ID GUIDANCE, consider:
 - Hydroxychloroquine
 - Anti-IL 6 therapy
 - Remdesivir, clinical trial

IMMUNE MODULATION

- Immunomodulatory therapies with ID consultation & ICU attending
- Consider Steroids for ARDS: Methylprednisolone (HR, 0.38; 95%CI, 0.20-0.72, Wu et al, JAMA Intern Med, March)
- Steroids for septic shock: Hydrocortisone 200 mg daily (50 mg q6h vs. 8.3mg/hr drip)

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Notes/Summary

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