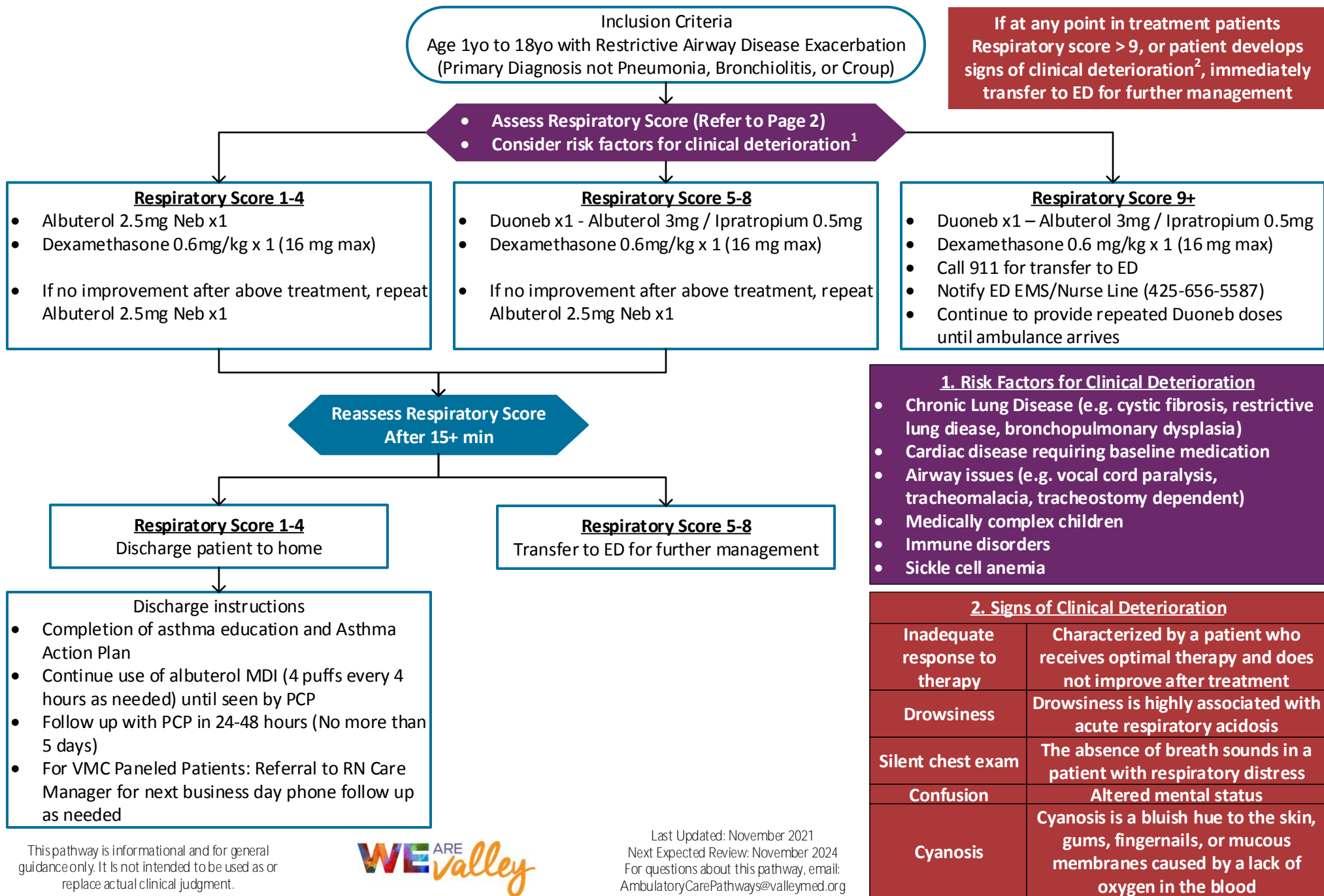


Ambulatory Care Pathway: Evaluation and Management of Acute Asthma Exacerbation (Pediatric)



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Ambulatory Care Pathway: Pediatric Respiratory Score

	Age	0 points	1 point	2 points	3 points
Respiratory Rate	<2 mo		≤60	61-69	≥70
	2-12 mo		≤50	51-59	≥60
	1-2 yr		≤40	41-44	≥45
	2-3 yr		≤34	35-39	≥40
	4-5 yr		≤30	31-35	≥36
	6-12 yr		≤26	27-30	≥31
	>12 yr		≤23	24-27	≥28
Retractions	0-18 yr	none	Subcostal or intercostal	2 of the following: subcostal, intercostal, substernal OR nasal flaring (infant)	3 of the following: subcostal, intercostal, substernal, supraclavicular OR nasal flaring/head bobbing (infant)
Dyspnea	0-2 yr	Normal feeding, vocalization and activity	1 of the following: Difficulty feeding, decreased vocalization or agitated	2 of the following: difficulty feeding, decreased vocalization or agitated	Stops feeding, no vocalization, drowsy, or confused
	2-4 yr	Normal feeding, vocalization and play	1 of the following: Decreased appetite, increased coughing after play, hyperactivity	2 of the following: decreased appetite, increased coughing after play, hyperactivity	Stops eating or drinking, stops playing, OR drowsy and confused
	>4 yr	Counts to ≥10 in one breath	Counts to 7-9 in one breath	Counts to 4-6 in one breath	Counts to ≤3 in one breath
Auscultation	0-18 yr	Normal breathing, no wheezing present	End-expiratory wheezes	Expiratory wheezes only (greater than end-expiratory wheeze)	Inspiratory wheeze OR diminished breath sounds OR both

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