

MGH 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

HIGH RISK FOR SEVERE DZ

- Age >55
- Comorbid diseases:
 - Pulm, cardiac, renal
 - Diabetes, HTN
 - Immunocompromise

LABS INDICATING SEVERE DZ

- D-dimer >1000
- CPK > 2x ULN
- CRP>100, LDH >245
- Troponin elevated/uprending
- Abs lymphocyte count <0.8
- Ferritin >300

DIAGNOSTICS

DAILY LABS

- CBC with diff (trend lymphocyte ct)
- CMP
- CPK

RISK STRAT Q2-3 DAY PRN

- D-dimer
- Ferritin/CRP/ESR
- LDH
- Troponin, EKG

ONE TIME TEST FOR ALL PTS

- HBV, HCV, HIV testing
- Influenza A/B, RSV
- Additional resp viral per ID guide
- COVID-19 (if not already performed)

RESPIRATORY FAILURE

CONSIDER EARLY INTUBATION

****AVOID USING HFNC or NIPPV****

WARNING SIGNS: INC FiO₂, DEC SaO₂, CXR WORSE

LUNG PROTECTIVE VENTILATION

- Vt 4-6 ml/kg predicted body weight
- Plateau pressure <30
- Driving pressure (P_{plat}-PEEP) <15
- Target SaO₂ 90-95%, PaO₂>60
- Starting PEEP 8-10 cmH₂O



CONSERVATIVE FLUID STRATEGY

No maintenance fluids, diuresis as tolerated by hemodynamics/Creatinine



PEEP TITRATION

Best PEEP by tidal compliance or ARDSnet low PEEP table



PRONE

Early consideration if cont. hypoxemia or elevated airway pressures



ADDITIONAL THERAPIES

- Paralytics for vent dyssynchrony, not routine
- Inhaled NO: up to 80 ppm (no epoprostenol)

IF WORSENING

IF IMPROVING

ECMO CONSULT

if continued hypoxemia or elevated airway pressures

VENT LIBERATION

- Daily SAT/SBT when appropriate
- ABCDE bundle

PAGER NUMBERS

ICU CONSULT:26955 ECMO:24252 BIOTHREATS:26876

HEMODYNAMICS

- MAP >65
- Norepinephrine first choice pressor
- IF WORSENING:
 - Consider myocarditis/cardiogenic shock
 - Obtain POCUS echo, EKG, trop, CVO₂ (formal TTE if high concern)

CHANGE TO USUAL CARE

- **MINIMIZE** staff contact in room
- **NO** routine daily CXR
- **HIGH THRESHOLD** for bronchoscopy
- **HIGH THRESHOLD** to travel
- **BUNDLE** bedside procedures
- Appropriate guideline-based isolation for aerosol generating procedures:
 - bronchoscopy
 - intubation/extubation
 - **AVOID** nebs, prefer MDIs

THERAPEUTICS

ALL ICU ADMISSIONS:

- Low threshold for empiric abx
- Tracheal aspirate for intubated pts
- **WITH ID GUIDANCE:**
 - Consider hydroxychloroquine and statin
 - Remdesivir through clinical trial

IMMUNE MODULATION

- Immunomodulatory therapies only in consultation with ID and critical care attending
- **NO STEROIDS** for resp failure, consider only in s/o additional indication