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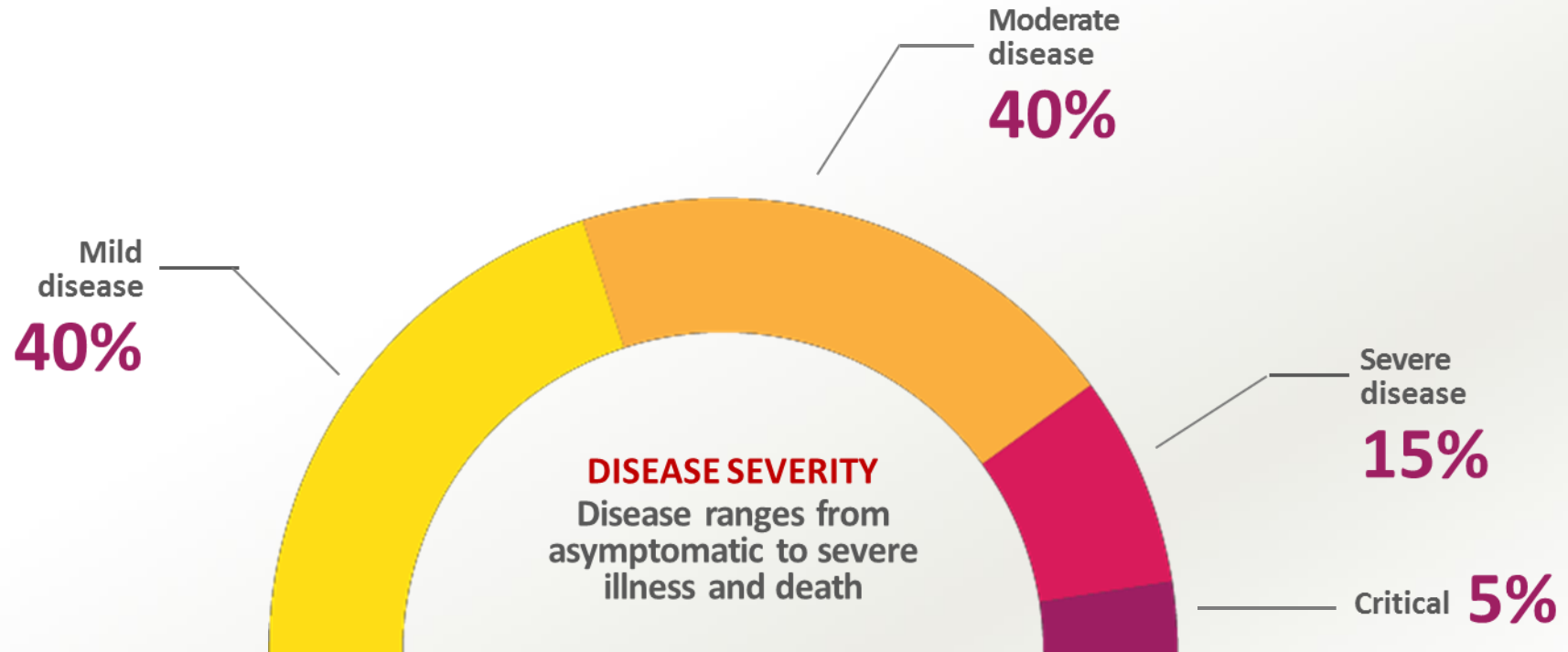
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Most COVID-19 patients have mild to moderate disease

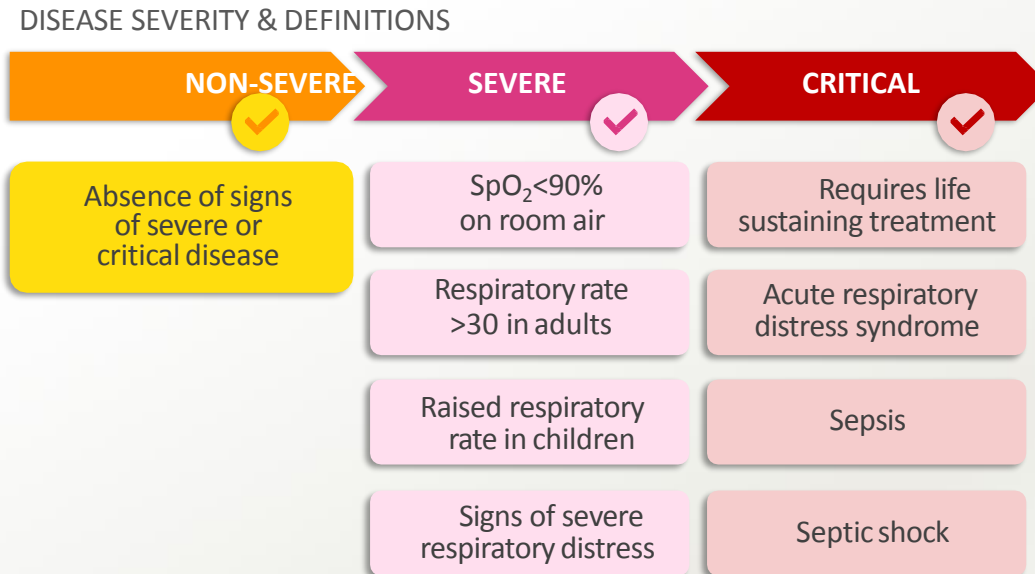


Severity of Disease

Severity	Indicators
Asymptomatic	No symptoms
Mild disease	Fever, cough, sore throat, N/V, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell but no dyspnea; normal O2 saturation and normal chest X-ray
Moderate disease	Symptoms of mild disease plus evidence of lower respiratory tract infection (exam and/or imaging), O2 saturation $\geq 94\%$ on room air
Severe disease	Symptoms of moderate disease but O2 saturation $< 94\%$, PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ < 300 mmHg, respiratory frequency > 30 breaths per minute, or lung infiltrates $> 50\%$
Critical disease	Symptoms of severe disease but intubated with respiratory failure, septic shock, and/or multiorgan dysfunction

Recommendations for therapeutics may differ based on the severity of COVID-19

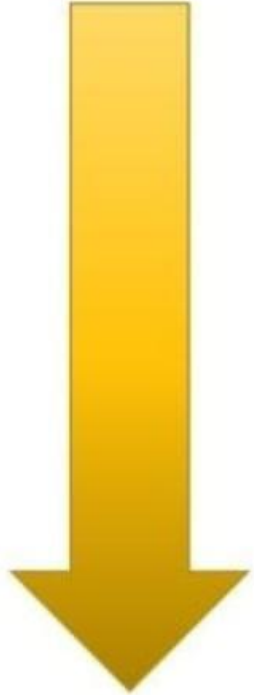
Figure. Three disease severity groups and key characteristics



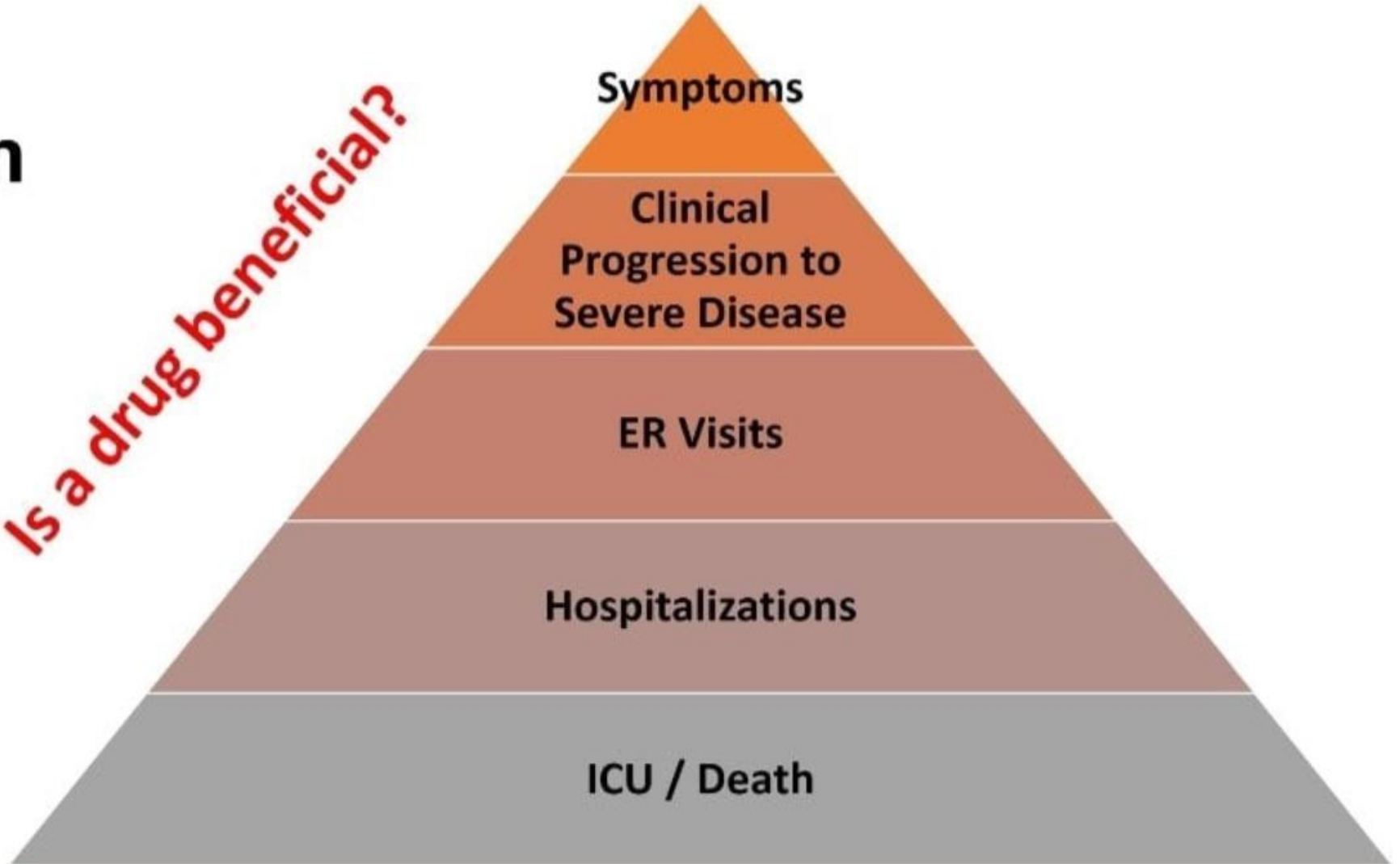
SpO₂ = oxygen saturation

Caution: The guideline panel noted that the oxygen saturation threshold of 90% to define severe COVID-19 was arbitrary and should be interpreted cautiously when used to define disease severity. For example, clinicians must use their judgment to determine whether a low oxygen saturation is a sign of severity or is normal for a given patient with chronic lung disease. Similarly, a saturation between 90–94% in room air may be abnormal (in patient with normal lungs) and can be an early sign of severe disease, if patient is on a downward trend. Generally, if there is any doubt, the panel suggested erring on the side of considering the illness as severe

Outpatient Disease Progression



Is a drug beneficial?



Risk factor for development of severe illness from Covid-19

- 1 - Age >60 years
- 2 - Active cancer
- 3 - Chronic kidney disease
- 4 - Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- 5 – Obesity
- 6 - Heart failure
- 7 - Coronary artery disease
- 8 - Cardiomyopathies
- 9 - Diabetes mellitus



COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines

- Panel has prioritized the risk groups for anti-SARS-CoV-2 therapy based on 4 key elements: **age**, **vaccination status**, **immune status**, and the presence of **risk factors for clinical progression**.

Scoring Tool Criteria and
Points Subject to Change

Outpatient COVID-19 Treatment Algorithm

Patient Risk Scoring Tool

Due to supply shortage of COVID-19 therapeutic agents, patients with a risk score of ≥ 7 are prioritized. Factors included in the calculator are: age, diabetes, BMI (≥ 35), hypertension, pregnancy, vaccination (unvaccinated or partially vaccinated) status, and immunocompromised status (see page 2 for details).

Patient Risk Scoring Tool

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Note: Scoring Tool Criteria and Points Subject to Change

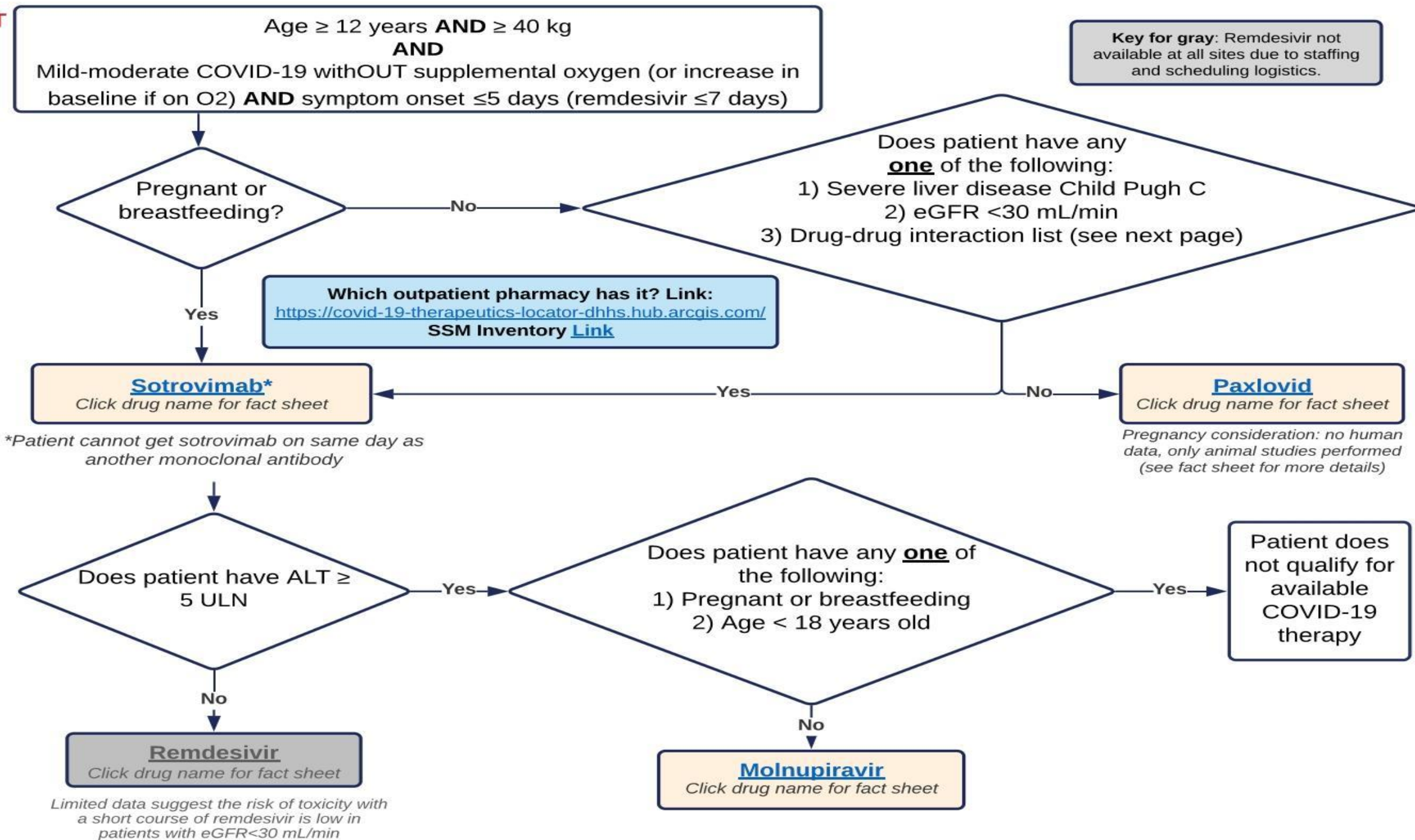
Factor	Score
Age (e.g. 50 years old = 5)	1 point for every 10 years
BMI ≥ 35	1
Diabetes	1
Hypertension	1
Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated (not boosted)	2
Pregnancy	4
Immunocompromised status (see below for definition)	4

- Immunocompromised (any of the following):
 - -Receiving **active cancer treatment** for tumors or cancers of the blood
 - -Received an **organ transplant** and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
 - -Graft-versus-host-disease (**GVHD**)
 - -Received a **stem cell transplant** or Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell therapy (CAR-T) within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
 - -Moderate or severe **primary immunodeficiency** (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, Immunodeficiency with increased immunoglobulin M, hyperimmunoglobulin E syndrome, Common Variable Immunodeficiency, functional disorders of polymorphonuclear neutrophils, nonfamilial hypogammaglobulinemia, hereditary hypogammaglobulinemia, severe combined immunodeficiency with reticular dysgenesis, etc.)
 - -**Advanced or untreated HIV infection (CD4 count <200)**
 - -Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (? **prednisone 20 mg per day x 4 weeks**) or other drugs that may suppress your immune response (**B and T-cell depleting therapies**, monoclonal antibodies therapy used in rheumatology and neurology, etc.)

- Patients who are within 1 year of receiving B cell-depleting therapies (e.g., rituximab, ocrelizumab, ofatumumab, alemtuzumab)
- Patients who are receiving Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitors
- Chimeric antigen receptor T cell recipients
- Post-hematopoietic cell transplant recipients who have chronic graft versus host disease or who are taking immunosuppressive medications for another indication
- Patients with hematologic malignancies who are on active therapy
- Lung transplant recipients
- Patients who are within 1 year of receiving a solid organ transplant (other than a lung transplant)
- Solid organ transplant recipients with recent treatment for acute rejection with T cell- or B cell-depleting agents
- Patients with severe combined immunodeficiencies
- Patients with untreated HIV who have a CD4 T lymphocyte cell count <50 cells/mm³

START

Key for gray: Remdesivir not available at all sites due to staffing and scheduling logistics.



Rank	Agent	Timing of Administration from Symptom Onset	Efficacy <i>Note: Studies were performed prior to omicron variant</i>
1	Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid) 300mg/100mg BID PO x 5 days	≤5 days	EPIC-HR study (n = 2,246): Paxlovid reduced risk of hospitalization or death by 89% (within 3 days of symptom onset) and 88% (within 5 days of symptom onset) vs. placebo. ¹
2	Sotrovimab (Xevudy) 500mg IV x 1	≤5 days	COMET-ICE study interim analysis: relative risk reduction of 85% in hospitalization or death vs. placebo. ²
3	Remdesivir (Veklury) 200mg IV x 1, then 100mg daily on days 2 and 3	≤7 days	PINETREE study (n = 562): Three day outpatient remdesivir course had a 87% lower risk of hospitalization or death than placebo. ³
4	Molnupiravir (Lagevrio) 800mg PO BID x 5 days	≤5 days	MOVE-OUT study (n = 1,433): Molnupiravir ~ 31% lower rate of hospitalization or death through day 29 vs. placebo (hazard ratio, 0.69; 95% CI, 0.48 to 1.01). ⁴

Paxlovid Drug-Drug Interactions

Contraindications

1. Drugs **highly dependent on CYP3A for clearance** and for which elevated concentrations are associated with serious and/or life-threatening reactions. Examples include:

Alfuzosin, pethidine, piroxicam, propoxyphene, ranolazine, amiodarone, dronedarone, flecainide, propafenone, quinidine, colchicine, lurasidone, pimozide, clozapine, dihydroergotamine, methylergonovine, lovastatin, simvastatin, sildenafil, triazolam, oral midazolam

OR

2. Drugs that are **potent CYP3A inducers** (causes significantly reduced nirmatrelvir or ritonavir plasma concentrations; thus, may be associated with potential for loss of virologic response and possible resistance). **Note:** Paxlovid cannot be started immediately after discontinuation of any of the following medications due to the delayed offset of the recently discontinued CYP3A inducer:

Apalutamide, carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin, rifampin, St. John's Wort

Use with Caution: Commonly Used Medications

- Ethinyl estradiol (*Consider non-hormonal contraception*)
- Rivaroxaban
- Warfarin

Recommend holding these drugs for 5 days while on Paxlovid:

- Cyclosporine
- Dasatinib
- Ibrutinib
- Nilotinib
- Sirolimus
- Tacrolimus
- Venetoclax

For a Complete List of Potential Drug-Drug Interactions: EUA Table 1:

Link: [Paxlovid EUA](#)

Liverpool COVID-19 Drug Interaction Checker:
<https://www.covid19-druginteractions.org/checker>



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Molnupiravir for Oral Treatment of Covid-19 in Nonhospitalized Patients

Key exclusion criteria

- 1 - Anticipated need for hospitalization for Covid-19 within the next 48 hours
- 2 - Dialysis or estimated glomerular filtration rate less than 30 ml per minute per 1.73 m²
- 3 - Pregnancy
- 4 - Unwillingness to use contraception during the intervention period and for at least 4 days after completion of the regimen.
- 5 - Severe neutropenia
- 6 - Platelet count below 100,000 per microliter
- γ- Use of therapies intended as Covid-19 treatments (including any monoclonal antibodies and remdesivir)



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Molnupiravir, an Oral Antiviral Treatment for COVID-19

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In the EPIC-HR trial, ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid) reduced the risk of hospitalization or death by 88% compared to placebo in nonhospitalized adults with laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection.⁸ This efficacy is comparable to the efficacies reported for sotrovimab (i.e., 85% relative reduction),⁹ and remdesivir (i.e., 87% relative reduction)¹⁰ and greater than the efficacy reported for molnupiravir (i.e., 30% relative reduction).¹¹

Ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid) is expected to be active against the Omicron VOC, although in vitro and in vivo data are currently limited.¹² Because of the potential for significant drug-drug interactions with concomitant medications, this regimen may not be a safe choice for all patients (see the

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Merck and Ridgeback's
Investigational Oral Antiviral
Molnupiravir Reduced the
Risk of Hospitalization or
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Percent Compared to
Placebo for Patients with
Mild or Moderate COVID-19
in Positive Interim Analysis
of Phase 3 Study

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Several anti-SARS-CoV-2 mAb products (i.e., bamlanivimab plus etesevimab, casirivimab plus imdevimab, and sotrovimab) have received EUAs from the FDA for the treatment of nonhospitalized patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 who are at high risk of progressing to severe disease. In the clinical trials for these agents, anti-SARS-CoV-2 mAbs reduced the risk of hospitalization or death by 70% to 85% compared to placebo.

The Omicron VOC has become the dominant variant in the United States¹ and is predicted to have markedly reduced susceptibility to bamlanivimab plus etesevimab and casirivimab plus imdevimab. In vitro studies indicate that sotrovimab remains active against the Omicron VOC.^{13,14}

Remdesivir

Remdesivir has been studied in nonhospitalized patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 who are at high risk of progressing to severe disease. The PINETREE trial showed that 3 consecutive days of IV remdesivir resulted in an 87% relative reduction in the risk of hospitalization or death compared to placebo.¹⁰

Remdesivir is expected to be active against the Omicron VOC, although in vitro and in vivo data are currently limited.¹² Because remdesivir requires IV infusion for 3 consecutive days, there may be logistical constraints to administering remdesivir in many settings, but it is an option if ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid) and sotrovimab are not available.

Molnupiravir

In the MOVe-OUT trial, molnupiravir reduced the rate of hospitalization or death by 30% compared to placebo.⁶ Even though the different treatment options have not been directly compared in clinical trials, the Panel recommends using molnupiravir only when ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid), sotrovimab, and remdesivir are not available or cannot be given, because molnupiravir has lower efficacy than the other options.

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Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP):

- This includes the Panel's recommendation on using these mAbs as PrEP in certain patients who **do not have SARS-CoV-2 infection but who are at risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 if infected.**
- The Panel emphasizes that **tixagevimab** plus **cilgavimab** is **not a substitute for COVID-19 vaccination** and should not be used in unvaccinated individuals for whom COVID-19 vaccination is recommended and who are anticipated to have an adequate response.

Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP):

- The Panel **recommends against** the use of the anti-SARS-CoV-2 mAbs **bamlanivimab plus etesevimab and casirivimab plus imdevimab** as PEP because they have markedly reduced susceptibility to the B.1.1.529 (Omicron) variant of concern (VOC), which is currently the dominant SARS-CoV-2 variant in the United States.

Thank you for your attention