



Pediatric Inpatient Asthma Pathway

Exclusions: Chronic lung disease, cystic fibrosis, heart disease, tracheomalacia, tracheostomy, sickle cell anemia, neuromuscular disease, immune disorders

Supplemental oxygen for SpO2<90%

	0 POINTS	1 POINT	2 POINTS	3 POINTS
RR 2-3 yr 4-5 yr 6-12 yr >12 yr		≤34 ≤30 ≤26 ≤23	35-39 31-35 27-30 24-27	≥40 ≥36 ≥31 ≥28
Retractions	None	Subcostal or intercostal	2 of the following: subcostal, intercostal, substernal	3 of the following: intercostal, substernal, suprasternal, supraclavicular, OR nasal flaring/head bobbing /grunting
Dyspnea: 2-4 yr ≥ 4 yr	Normal feeding, vocalizations, & play Counts for ≥10 in 1 breath	1 of the following: difficulty feeding, decreased vocalization, or agitated Counts to 7-8 in one breath	2 of the following: difficulty feeding, decreased vocalization, or agitated Counts to 4-6 in one breath	Stops feeding, no vocalization; drowsy/confused Count to ≤3 in one breath
Auscultation	Normal breathing, no wheezing	End-expiratory wheeze	Expiratory wheeze only	Inspiratory or expiratory wheeze OR diminished breath sounds

