



| When to use this pathway | Priorities of clinical assessment | Risk Factors for Severe Disease |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child under 2 years Respiratory symptoms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snuffy Nose Chesty Cough Poor feeding Vomiting Pyrexia Increased work of breathing Head bobbing Cyanosis Inspiratory crackles +/- wheeze | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-existing lung condition Immunocompromised Congenital Heart Disease Age <6 weeks (corrected) Re-attendance Prematurity <35 weeks Neuromuscular weakness |

| CLINICAL FINDINGS | GREEN LOW RISK | AMBER MEDIUM RISK | RED HIGH RISK |
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| Respiratory | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RR < 50 breaths/minute Mild respiratory distress O₂ sats in air 95% or above Mild recession Nasal flaring absent Grunting absent Apnoeas absent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased work of breathing RR 50 - 70 breaths/minute O₂ sats in air 92-94% Moderate recession Nasal flaring may be present Grunting absent Apnoeas absent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RR > 70 breaths/minute O₂ sats in air <92% Severe recession Nasal flaring present Grunting present Apnoeas present |
| Circulation and Hydration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal / tolerating 75% of fluid Occasional cough induced vomiting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50-75% feeds / fluid intake Reduced urine output | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> < 50% feeds / fluid intake or appears dehydrated Significantly reduced urine output |
| Colour and Activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alert Normal CRT < 2 secs Normal colour skin, lips and tongue Moist mucous membranes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irritable Decreased activity Reduced response to social cues CRT 2-3 secs Pallor colour reported by parent/carer Pale/mottled Cool peripheries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to rouse No response to social cues Wakes only with prolonged stimulation Weak or continuous cry CRT > 3 secs Cyanotic lips and tongue Pale/mottled/ashen blue |
| Other | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk factors for severe disease present Additional parent/carer support required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appears unwell to a healthcare professional |
| | GREEN ACTION | AMBER ACTION | RED ACTION |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide written and verbal advice, see our page on Bronchiolitis Confirm parents/carers are comfortable with the decisions/advice given Discuss with a Paediatrician if concerned | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with a Paediatrician Provide written and verbal advice, see our page on Bronchiolitis Consider referral to acute paediatric community nursing team or respiratory hub if available Arrange appropriate follow up if not admitted | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider giving oxygen Arrange urgent hospital assessment Consider 999 Alert Paediatrician Commence relevant treatment to stabilise child for transfer |