

## I – Bevezetés

Állapotfelmérés, intenzív osztályos felvétel és gépi lélegeztetés indikációi

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**BREAKING**  
**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE**  
**#COVID19 #Coronavirus**



"We have therefore made the assessment that [#COVID19](#) can be characterized as a pandemic"-[@DrTedros](#)  
[#coronavirus](#)

## Baseline Characteristics and Outcomes of 1591 Patients Infected With SARS-CoV-2 Admitted to ICUs of the Lombardy Region, Italy

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## Characteristics of and Important Lessons From the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak in China Summary of a Report of 72 314 Cases From the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention

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- Enyhe, tünetmentes lefolyás ~ 80%
- Közepes- súlyos - 14-20.4 % - kórházi ellátást igényel
- ITO ellátás

Up through March 18, 2020, a total of 17 713 people had tested positive for the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in Lombardy and 1593 (9%) had been admitted to the ICU. Information on the incidence and clinical characteristics of critically ill patients diagnosed with COVID-19 is still limited. Among hospitalized patients with COVID-19 in China, the percentage of patients who required ICU care has varied from 5% to 32%.<sup>4,5</sup>

# COVID-19 ITO mortalitás (UK)

**Table 3 Outcome, length of stay and organ support\* for patients admitted to critical care with confirmed COVID-19**

Critical care unit outcome	Patients with confirmed COVID-19 and critical care outcome reported (N=690)	Patients with viral pneumonia (non-COVID-19), 2017-19 (N=4434)
Outcome at end of critical care, n (%)		
Alive	344 (49.9)	3441 (77.6)
Dead	346 (50.1)	993 (22.4)
<b>Length of stay</b>		
Length of stay in critical care (days), median (IQR)		
Survivors	4 (2, 8)	6 (3, 12)
Non-survivors	5 (3, 8)	6 (2, 13)



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61% !!!

Table 2. Patient Disposition From COVID-Only Intensive Care Units (ICUs), Total and Stratified by History of Hypertension

	Patients by age, y, No. (%)								
	All (N = 1591)	0-20 (n = 4)	21-40 (n = 56)	41-50 (n = 143)	51-60 (n = 427)	61-70 (n = 598)	71-80 (n = 341)	81-90 (n = 21)	91-100 (n = 1)
<b>Overall</b>									
Outcome, No. with data	1581	2	56	142	423	596	340	21	1
Died in ICU	405 (26)	0	4 (7)	16 (11)	63 (15)	174 (29)	136 (40)	11 (52)	1 (100)
Discharged from ICU	256 (16)	0	20 (36)	35 (25)	90 (21)	69 (12)	40 (12)	2 (10)	0
Still in ICU as of 3/25/2020 <sup>a</sup>	920 (58)	2 (100)	32 (57)	91 (64)	270 (64)	353 (59)	164 (48)	8 (38)	0
<b>Patients with hypertension<sup>b</sup></b>									
No.	509	0	4 (<1)	21 (4)	121 (24)	195 (38)	156 (31)	12 (2)	0
<b>Outcome</b>									
Died in ICU	195 (38)	0	0	4 (19)	24 (20)	82 (42)	78 (50)	7 (58)	0
Discharged from ICU	84 (16)	0	1 (25)	8 (38)	26 (21)	25 (13)	23 (15)	1 (8)	0
Still in ICU as of 3/25/2020 <sup>a</sup>	230 (58)	0	3 (75)	9 (43)	71 (59)	88 (45)	55 (35)	4 (33)	0
<b>Patients without hypertension<sup>b</sup></b>									
No.	526	1 (<1)	31 (6)	60 (11)	148 (28)	184 (35)	97 (18)	4 (1)	1 (<1)
<b>Outcome</b>									
Died in ICU	114 (22)	0	3 (10)	3 (5)	21 (14)	43 (23)	40 (41)	3 (75)	1 (100)
Discharged from ICU	128 (24)	0	17 (55)	19 (32)	47 (32)	33 (18)	12 (12)	0	0
Still in ICU as of 3/25/2020 <sup>a</sup>	284 (54)	1 (100)	11 (35)	38 (63)	80 (54)	108 (59)	45 (46)	1 (25)	0

<sup>a</sup> Patients were admitted between 2/20/2020 and 3/18/2020, with follow-up through 3/25/2020.

<sup>b</sup> Hypertension status for those with outcome data was available for 1035 patients; hypertension status overall was available for 1043 patients.

## Surviving Sepsis Campaign: Guidelines on the Management of Critically Ill Adults with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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## Recommendations:

23. In adults with COVID-19, we **suggest** starting supplemental oxygen if the peripheral oxygen saturation (SPO<sub>2</sub>) is < 92% (weak recommendation, low quality evidence), and **recommend** starting supplemental oxygen if SPO<sub>2</sub> is < 90% (strong recommendation, moderate quality evidence).
  
24. In adults with COVID-19 and **acute hypoxemic respiratory failure on oxygen**, we **recommend** that SPO<sub>2</sub> be maintained no higher than 96% (strong recommendation, moderate quality evidence).

# COVID-19 SSC ajánlás: High Flow Nasal Cannula (HFNC)

## Recommendation:

25. For adults with COVID-19 and acute hypoxemic respiratory failure despite conventional oxygen therapy, we **suggest using** HFNC over conventional oxygen therapy (weak recommendation, low quality evidence).

## Potenciális problémák:

1. Eszköz hiány
2. Aerosol képződés – rizikó az ellátószemélyzetre
3. Magas O<sub>2</sub>-felhasználás – nagyszámú beteg esetében ellátási gondot okozhat



# COVID-19 SSC ajánlás: NIPPV

In a cohort of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) patients, NIPPV was not associated with improved mortality or length of stay, compared with patients who were intubated without trying NIPPV [79]. However, NIPPV was associated with a high failure rate (92.4%), leading to intubation. Patients who received NIPPV prior to intubation had increased inhaled nitric oxide requirements and increased mortality

The balance between benefit and harm when using NIPPV in adults with COVID-19 is unclear. If, in certain COVID-19 patients, other forms of respiratory failure, such as acute hypercapnic respiratory failure or acute cardiogenic pulmonary edema, are known to be the cause of respiratory failure, NIPPV may be beneficial [88, 89]. However, because limited experience with NIPPV in pandemics suggests a high failure rate, we recommend that any patient receiving NIPPV be monitored closely and cared for in a setting where intubation can be facilitated in the event of decompensation [79, 80]. However, when resources become stretched, there may be insufficient ability to provide invasive ventilation, and even a moderate chance of success with NIPPV may justify its use.

# HFNC vs NIPPV

## Recommendation:

26. In adults with COVID-19 and acute hypoxemic respiratory failure, we suggest using HFNC over NIPPV (weak recommendation, low quality evidence).

## Rationale:

In adults with COVID-19 and acute respiratory failure, we suggest the use of HFNC over NIPPV. In an RCT comparing HFNC with NIPPV in patients with acute hypoxic respiratory failure, HFNC resulted in reduced mortality at 90 days (HR 2.50, 95% CI 1.31 to 4.78), but did not significantly affect the need for intubation (50% failure rate in NIPPV vs 47% in conventional oxygen and 40% in HFNC groups;  $p=0.18$ ) [71]. Another meta-analysis comparing HFNC with NIPPV showed HFNC to decrease the need for intubation of patients, yet without significantly reducing mortality or ICU length of stay [72]. Additionally, patients may find HFNC more comfortable than NIPPV [71]. Given the evidence for a decreased risk of intubation with HFNC compared with NIPPV in acute hypoxemic respiratory failure, and studies suggesting that NIPPV may carry a greater risk of nosocomial infection of healthcare providers, we suggest HFNC over NIPPV. However, any patients receiving HFNC or NIPPV should be monitored closely and cared for in a setting where intubation can be performed if needed. In an unco-

**NB: HFNC és NIV elérhetősége széles körben korlátozott**

# Egy érdekes és fontos megfigyelés...

## PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS ON THE VENTILATORY MANAGEMENT OF ICU COVID-19 PATIENTS

In Covid-19 ICU patients the pulmonary pattern is **NOT similar to ARDS**, as hypoxia is prevalent and pulmonary compliance is generally high. In general, **two categories of patients may be identified:**

- a. **High-pulmonary compliance patients with isolated viral pneumonia.** The main finding is hypoxic vasoconstriction, explaining the observed severe hypoxemia. In those patients, the major issue is related to perfusion, as lungs are inflated and increasing PEEP does not help. High PEEP and prone positioning do not lead to recruitment of collapsed areas, but they only adjust pulmonary perfusion. Lung CT scans in those patients confirm that there are not significant areas to recruit, and a 50% shunt is present. Moreover, PEEP levels at 15 cmH<sub>2</sub>O and beyond may compromise right cardiac filling and an increase of the need for fluid intake and/or norepinephrine. A PaO<sub>2</sub> level around 60 mmHg (8 kPa), and patients should be mildly sedated, or paralyzed.

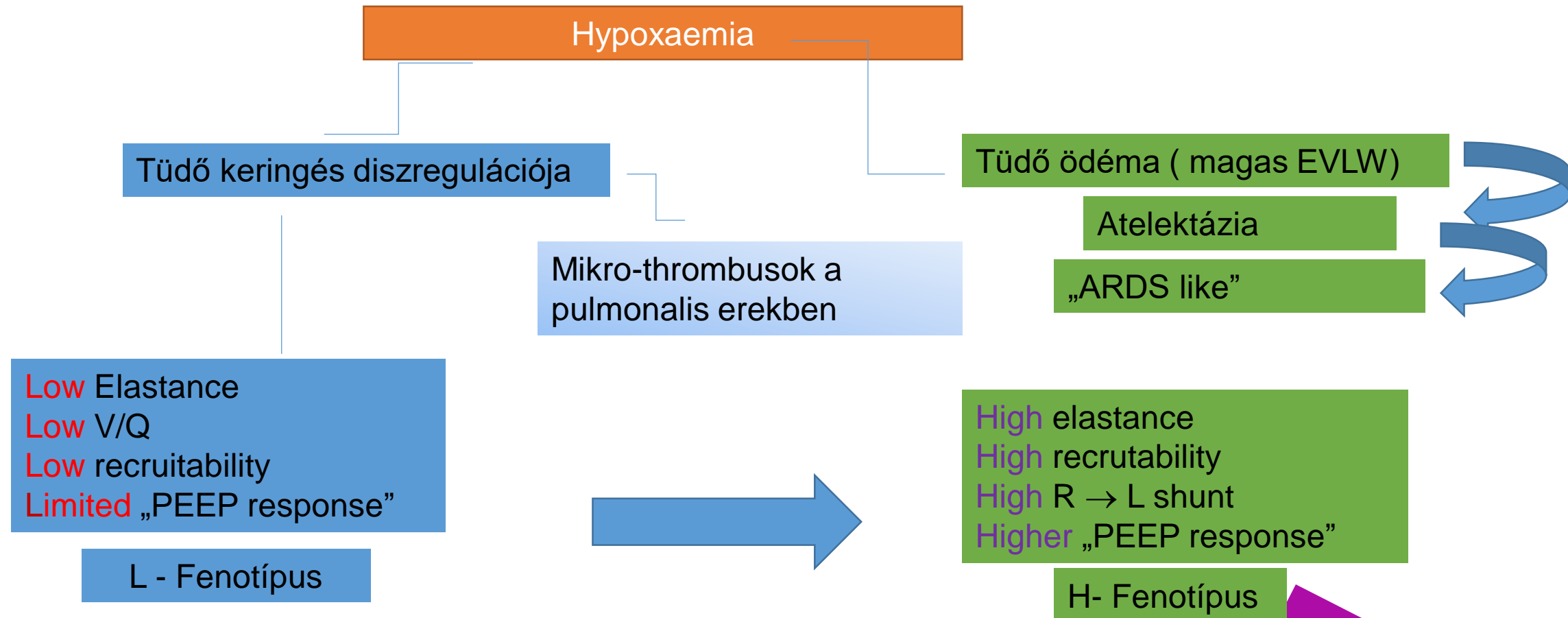
**Patients who have been treated with CPAP helmet** [in Italy the use of helmet facemask is more prevalent than facemask, but findings may apply for both] show high inspiratory efforts and highly negative intrathoracic pressure. In addition to viral pneumonia, those patients likely have also self-inflicted ventilator induced lung-injury with subsequent decrease in compliance (values lower than 50 ml/cmH<sub>2</sub>O) and edema in the lower lobes, as seen in CT scans. Those patients present a pattern similar to ARDS and they benefit of PEEP and prone positioning, paying attention in variations of ScVO<sub>2</sub> and PaCO<sub>2</sub>

EXPERIENCE FROM  
March 2020

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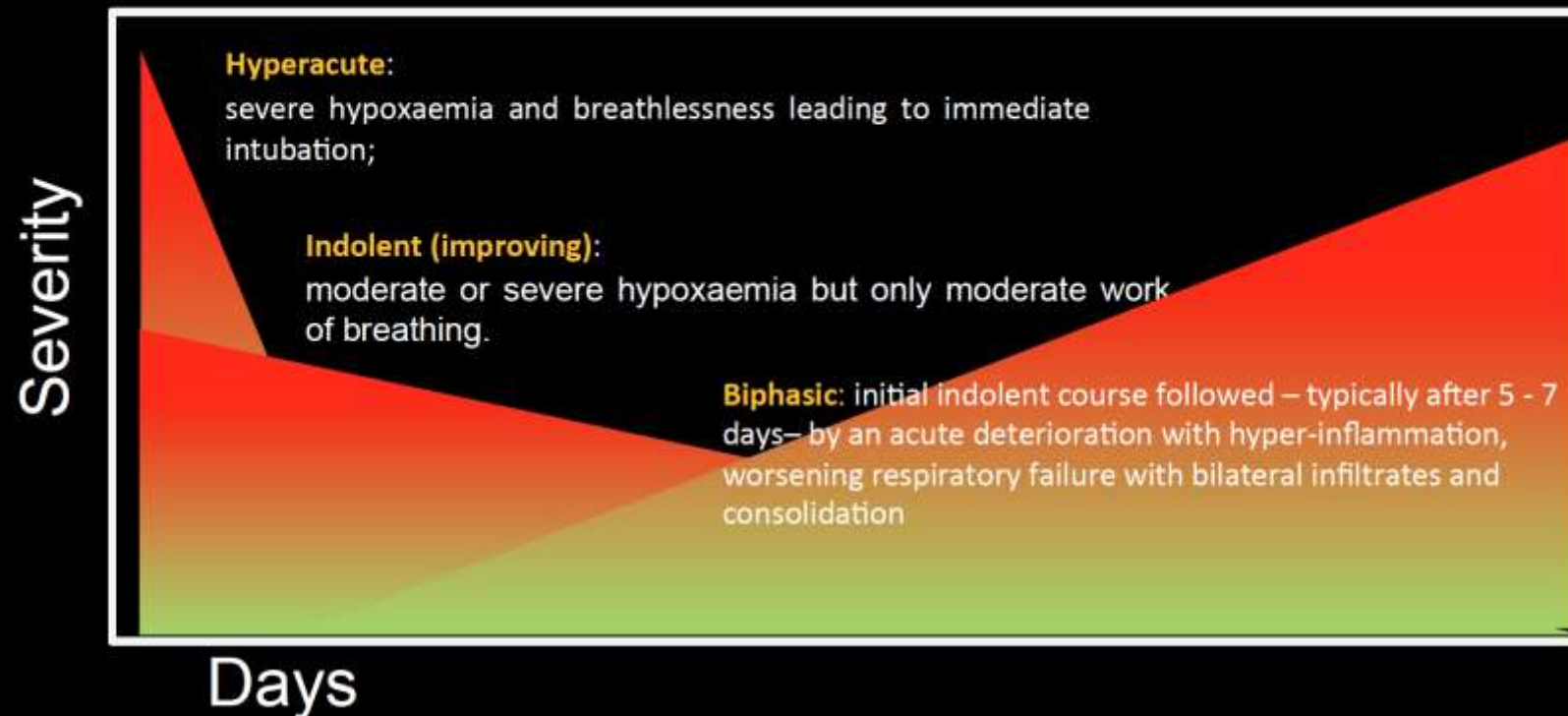
# COVID-19 – fenotípusok

Gattinoni L. et al. COVID-19 pneumonia: different respiratory treatment for different phenotypes? (2020) Intensive Care Medicine; DOI: 10.1007/s00134-020-06033-2



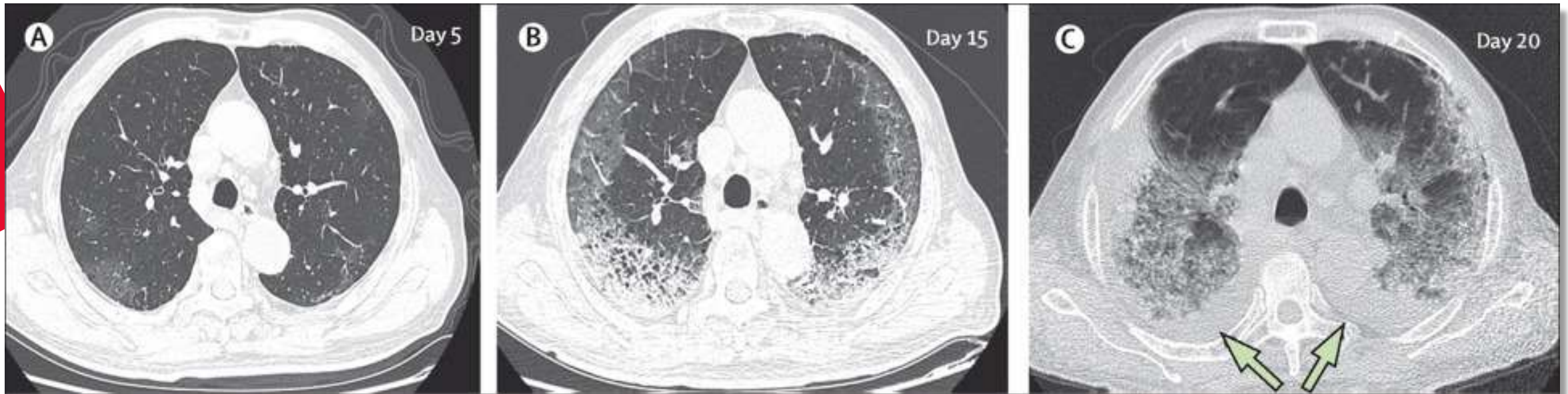
# Betegség lefolyás az intenzív osztályon(L. Camporota)

## Disease Course and late “failures”



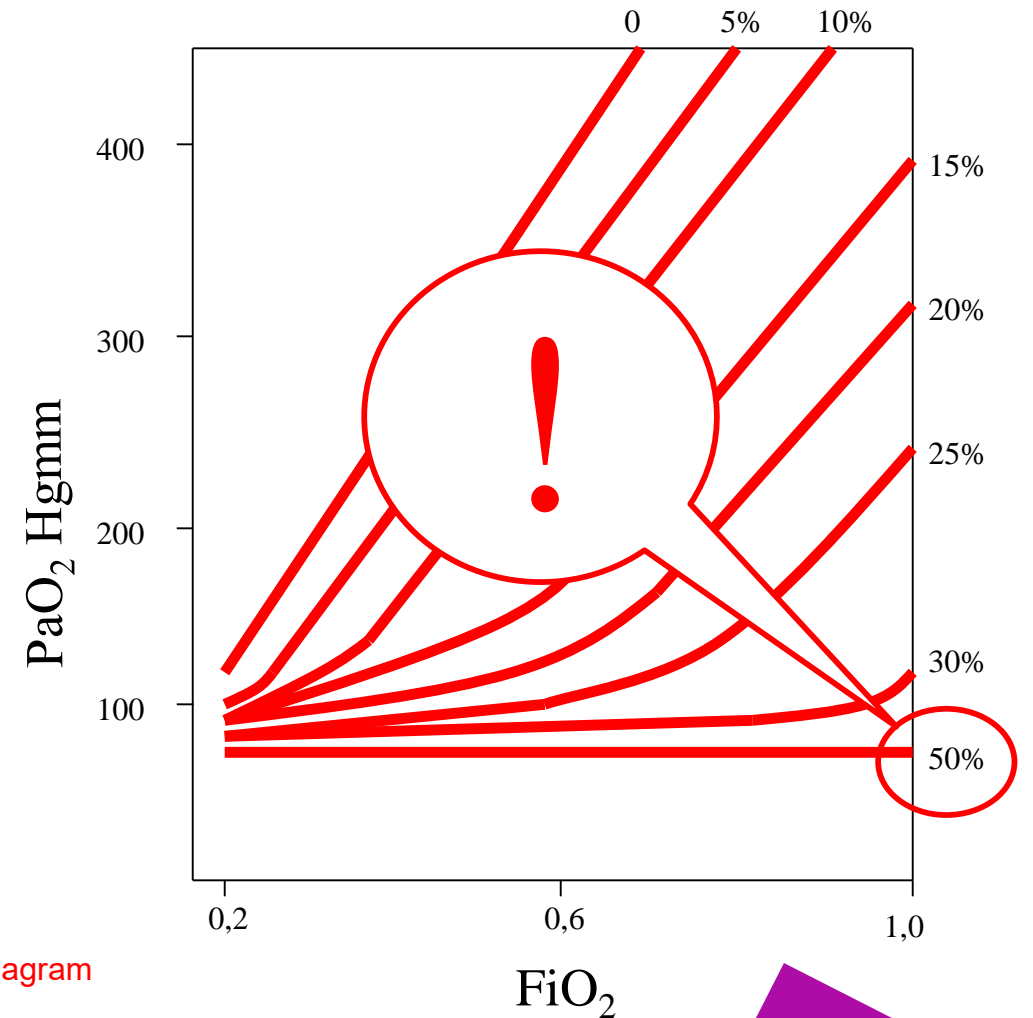
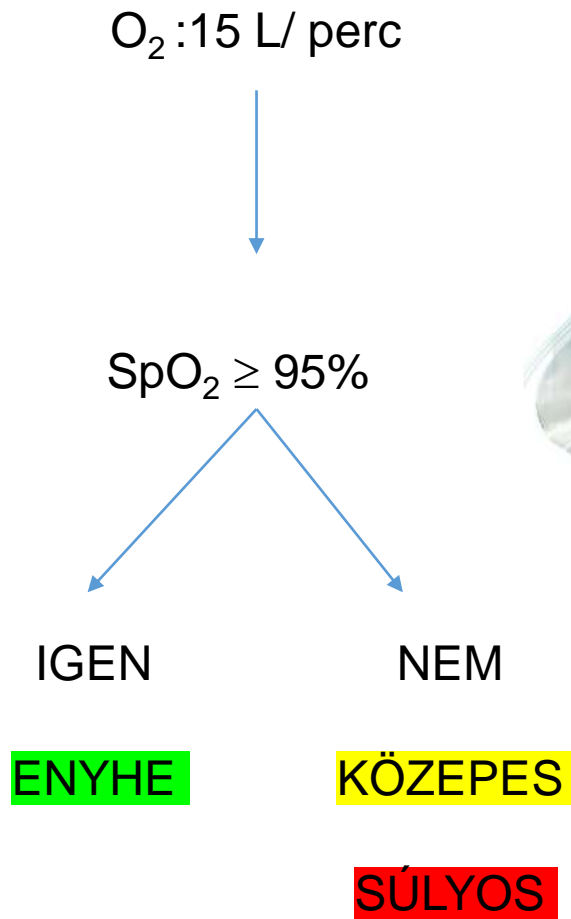


# Radiológiai progresszió



Heshui Shi et al. Radiological findings from 81 patients with COVID-19 pneumonia in Wuhan, China: a descriptive study. *Lancet Infect Dis* 2020; **20**: 425–34

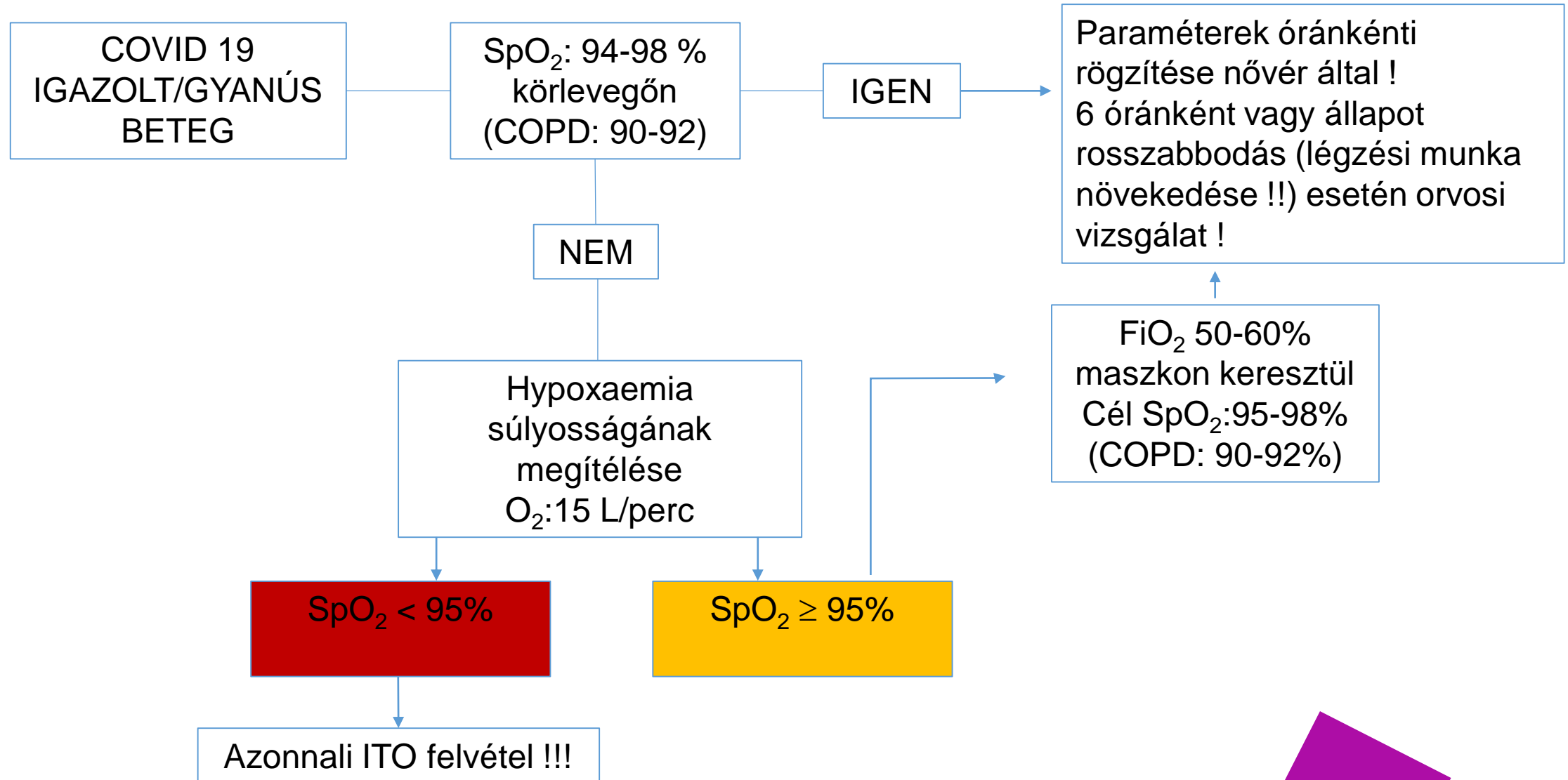
# Hypoxaemia súlyosságának megítélése



„Iso-shunt” diagram

Nunn JF. Appl. Resp Physiol., 1993

# Egy lehetséges döntési algoritmus ITO felvétel előtt



# Intubációs ellenőrző lista : COVID-19 módosított

Védelem

Előkészület -  
ellenőrzés


Intubáció

Szerepek

Gyógyszerek

Terv minden  
esetőségre

Dekonta-  
mináció



The diagram shows a checklist for intubation, divided into three main sections: **OUTSIDE ROOM**, **INSIDE ROOM**, and **AFTER AND LEAVING**. The process is also divided into four stages: **Protective Equipment**, **Prepare Equipment**, **In the Room**, and **Post-procedure Safety**. A central diagram illustrates a cycle for a difficult airway: **2nd generation supraglottic airway** leads to **Facemask** (2-person, Adjuncts, Low flow, Low pressure), which leads to **Plan D: Front of neck airway: scalpel bougie tube**, which then leads back to **2nd generation supraglottic airway**.

**OUTSIDE ROOM**

- PPE – be thorough, don't rush**
  - Wash hands
  - Buddy with checklist
  - Put on PPE
    - Long sleeved gown
    - FFP3 (or equivalent) mask
    - Gloves
    - Eyewear
    - Headwear and wipeable shoes as per local protocol
  - Final buddy check
  - Names on visors
- Allocate roles:**
  - A: Team leader and intubator
  - B: Cricoid force and intubator's assistant
  - C: Drugs, monitor, timer
  - D: Runner (outside)Decide who will do eFONA
- How do you contact further help?

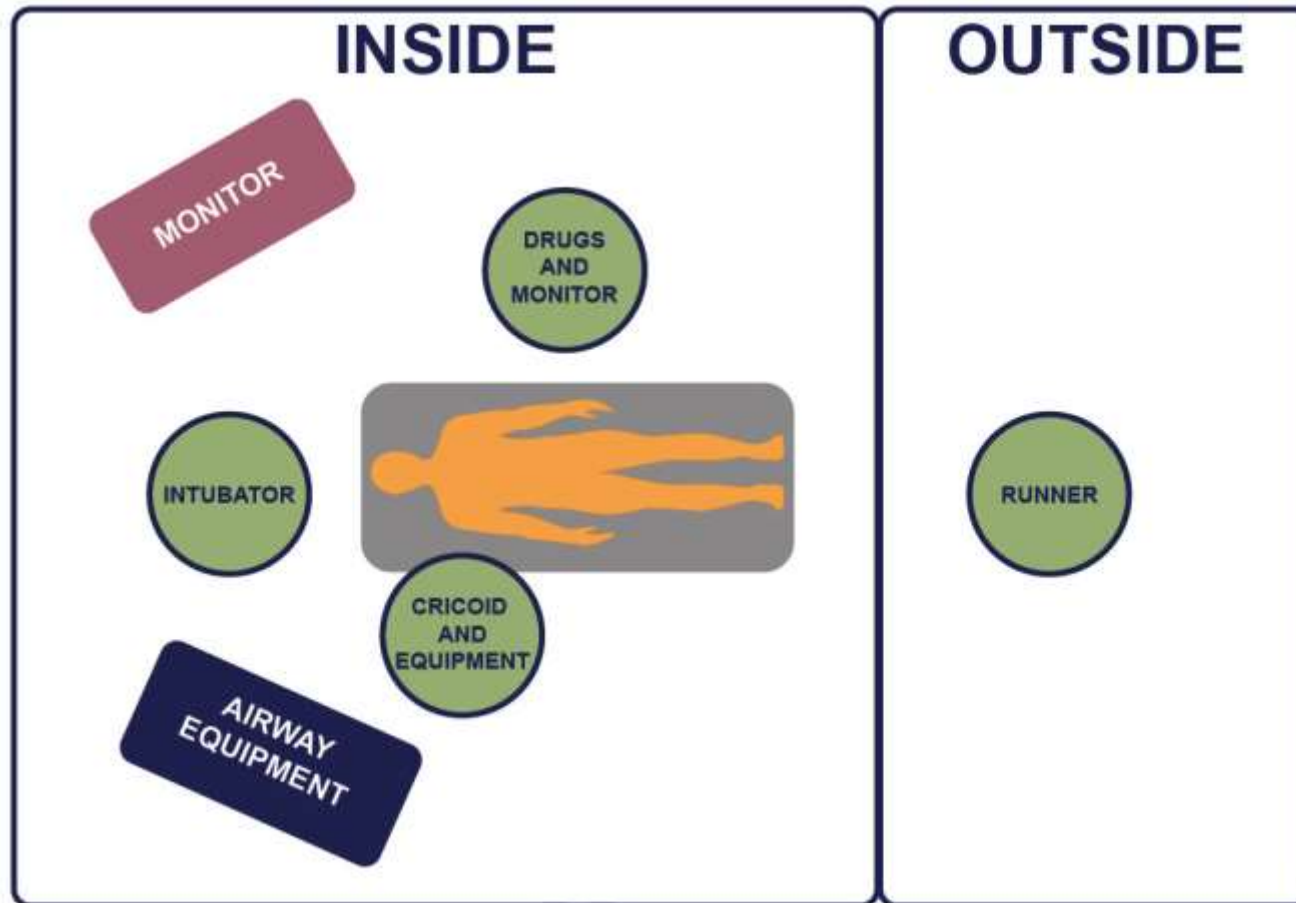
**INSIDE ROOM**

- Check kit (kit dump)**
  - Mapleson C with HME attached (preferred to BVM)
  - Catheter mount
  - Guedel airways
  - Working suction
  - Videolaryngoscope
  - Bougie/stylet
  - Tracheal tubes x2
  - Ties and syringe
  - In-line suction ready
  - Tube clamp
  - 2nd generation SGA
  - eFONA set available
- Do you have all the drugs required?**
  - Ketamine (or other)
  - Muscle relaxant
  - Vasopressor/inotrope
  - Maintenance sedation
- Weight?**
- Allergies?**
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**AFTER AND LEAVING**

- Airway management**
  - Inflate cuff before any ventilating
  - Check waveform capnography
  - Push/twist connections
  - Clamp tracheal tube before any disconnection
  - Avoid unnecessary disconnections
- Other**
  - Insert nasogastric tube
  - Consider deep tracheal viral sample
- Careful equipment disposal**
- Decontamination of reusable equipment**
- Complete and display intubation form**
- Remove PPE**
  - Observed by
  - Use checklist
  - Meticulous disposal
  - Wash hands
- Clean room after**

# Intubációs algoritmus: COVID-19 módosított- Elhelyezkedés

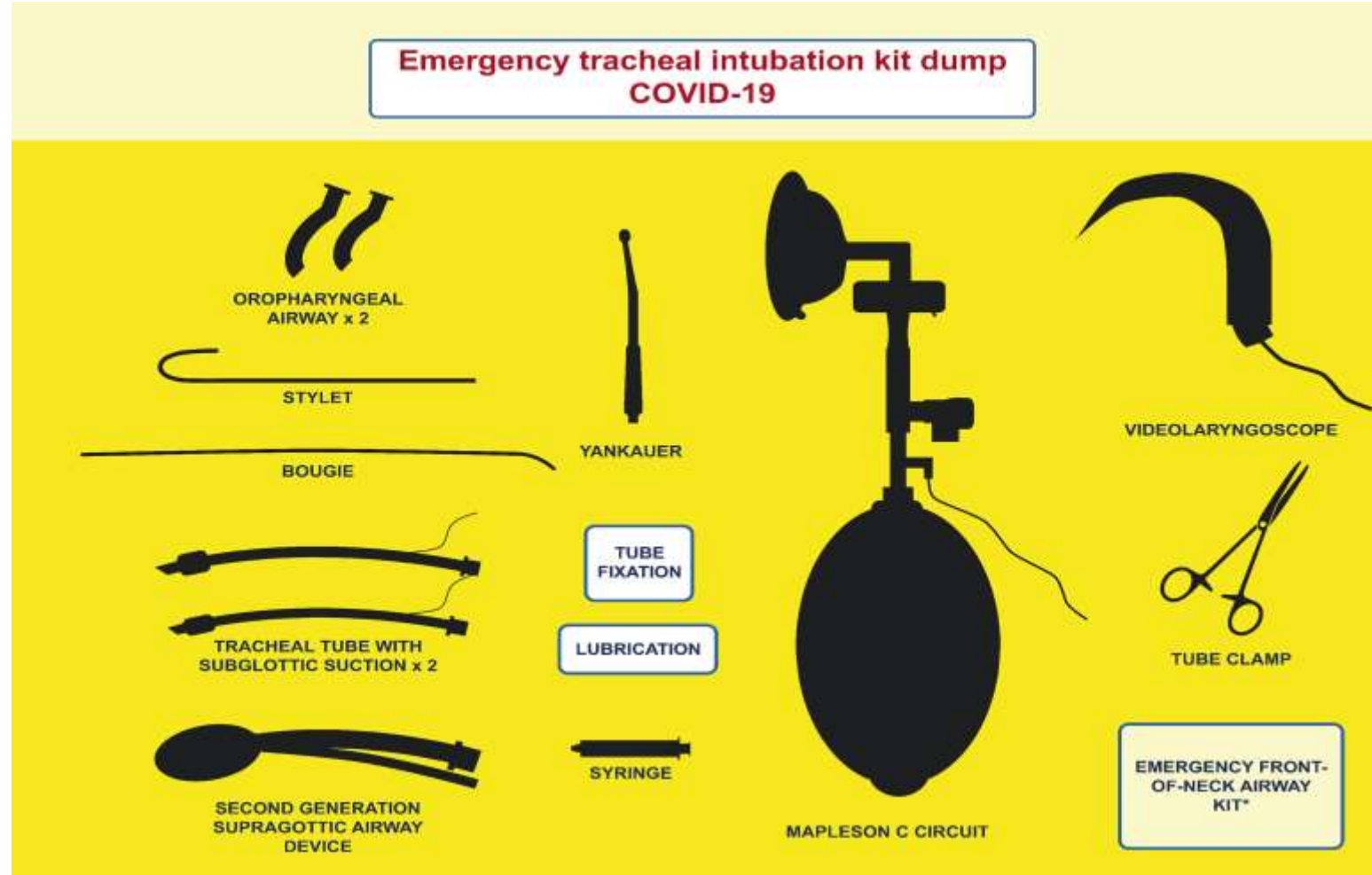


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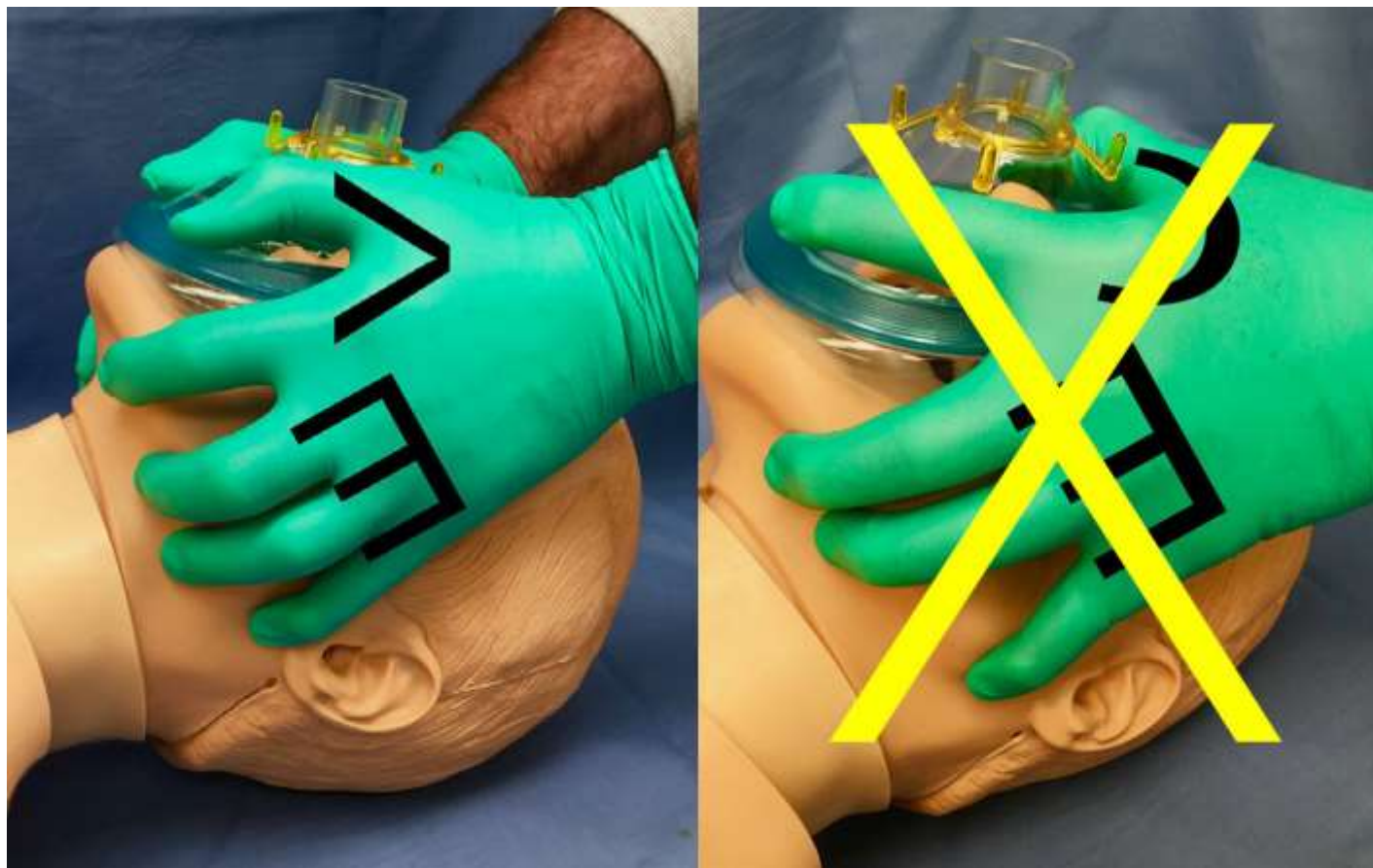
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# Intubációs algoritmus: COVID-19 módosított- Kéztartás



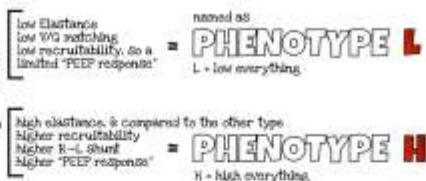
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A model to approach ventilation in COVID-19 patients reflecting the phase of the disease induced by SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus. How do these patients present from an hypoxemia perspective? Hypoxemia is mainly 3-fold dysregulation of pulmonary perfusion, really important: pulmonary micro-thrombosis (its role becoming more and more relevant), frank pulmonary edema (ARDS-like), COVID-19 patients could present with similar P/F ratio but with completely different CGR appearance or CT scan patterns (resolving or not ARDS, and with different distribution of normal/consolidated lung).

## 1 HYPOXEMIA

- ★ dysregulation of pulmonary perfusion with low WG matching
- ★ + pulmonary micro-thrombosis creating difficulty in lung perfusion/hypoxemia & dead space (increased CO2)
- ★ pulmonary edema - collapse ARDS-like with higher recruitability



(Antonini et al. JCM 2020 in press)

Early categorizing these patients according to the 2 phenotypes could be really important, as therapeutic approach, or at least management, could be quite different. Moreover, consider that patients may progress from phenotype L to phenotype H due to disease progression, but also due to early management. SARS-CoV-2 has an important effect on ACE2 receptor, impacting on pulmonary perfusion, with differential effects on ARGI receptors: profound vasoconstriction prevails at the beginning, and on endothelin vaso-constriction and fibrosis.

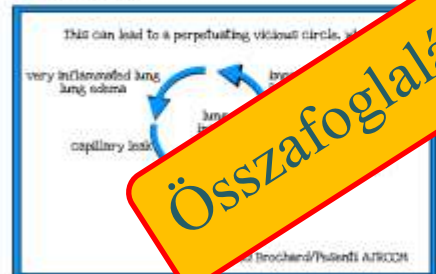
## COVID-19 vs ARDS

Comparing COVID-19 pneumonia to the conventional ARDS definition, it is clear that COVID-19 does not fit all the criteria of Berlin definition: does not fit timing very well, with some late presentations in these patients; about chest imaging, at least for phenotype L (majority of patients at presentation). Oxygenation criteria remains relevant. COVID-19 pneumonia may not be similar or equal to ARDS.

## 2 RESPIRATORY DRIVE

Respiratory drive could have different sources: hypoxemia drives increase in VT, therefore increasing driving in oesophageal and pleural impacting on lung stress/strain. The other important point is the pulmonary edema, leading to elastic W/L and increased RR. Also conditions drive some of these patients: have increasingly high inflammatory/fibrin status and G-contractility/demand for increased leading to respiratory becoming clear a neurotrophin for SARS-CoV-2, particularly around midbrain, influencing respiratory/cardiovascular control with extreme presenting with sudden unexplained cardiac arrest! Subjective dyspnea may be less pronounced, with patients not fully aware. Important first measure: improve WG matching: prone positioning may work really well. On the other side, for the elastic W/L, pharmacological support may be needed to control RR so stress/strain of the lung.

- ★ hypoxemia: tidal volumes a P/F ratio → FIO2 improves WG
- ★ neurotrophin of SARS-CoV-2 (ACE2): cardio-respiratory centres, cognition, metabolism
- ★ pulmonary edema: elastic W/L respiratory rate → mechanical support control of RR
- ★ metabolic drive



### WHAT'S NEXT

- infection control
- sedation control
- adaptation to the patient actually

Use of CPAP may be associated with decreased CO2 (Danzon et al. Chest 2010) and as CO2 goes down, then the shunt fraction goes down, with an apparent increase in P/F ratio, exclusively related to a change in shunt fraction. In COVID-19 population, moreover, use of NIV may lead to delayed intubation. CPAP or NIV may decrease the work of breathing, but still need to be monitored (use of oesophageal pressure is the gold standard) if excessive, this indicates immediate intubation. CPAP alone may not be very effective/efficient in decreasing elastic W/L, despite the fact it may improve P/F ratio (keep in mind with some devices may not be easily measure VTE) if 9-15 ml/kg, this may be associated to NIV failure and increased mortality.

## HYPERACUTE DISEASE

Severe hypoxemia and breathlessness leading to immediate intubation.

**INDOLENT**  
(even improving): moderate or severe hypoxemia but only moderate work of breathing, patient may be on IMV or often NIV for days

## BIPHASIC

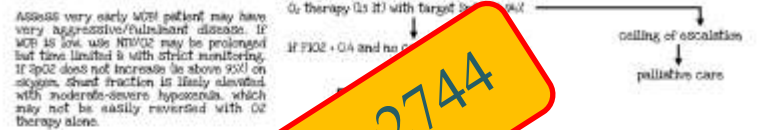
Initial indolent course followed typically after 5-7 days by heavy acute deterioration with hyper-inflammation, worsening respiratory failure with bilateral infiltrates & consolidation, and patients requiring multiple organ support



freely based on talk by Luigi Camporota during ESICM webinar on Apr 2 2020 moderated by Prof. Claude Guerin graphics by MV Antonini @FOAMEcmo

## ASSESSMENT

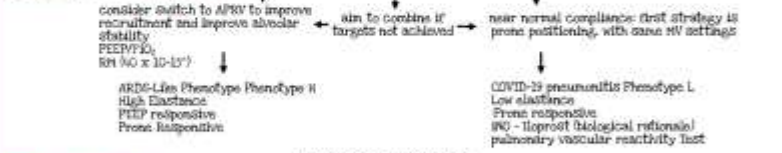
Based on the 2 different initial phenotypes treatment of respiratory failure (mainly hypoxemic) may be really different. First stage of management of respiratory failure is non-invasive assessment of "shunt fraction"/severity of hypoxemia



## INTUBATION



## IDENTIFY PHENOTYPES



## FAILURE & ESCALATION



## 4 QUESTIONS

- pt selection
- timing/indications
- questions to consider thinking about ECLS particularly in a pandemic: is the pathology reversible (maybe not the one hyperinflammation or NOT)? is the patient able to recover? frailty, comorbidities, ability to sustain prolonged ECLS/renal particularly in a limited resources setting? is the gas exchange so severe that is life-threatening? patient selection is mechanical ventilation injurious?

Early recognition of hyper-acute disease: need for immediate intubation and high risk of cardiovascular events. Some related to the myocarditis. Some centrally mediated (effect of the virus in midbrain-central control). Short and judicious use of CPAP/NIV for hemodynamically stable patients with moderate hypoxemia: low respiratory drive and low inflammatory phenotype. Sources of biologic course of the disease in some patients, who may fall into. Early differentiation of L Phenotype (preserved compliance, dysregulated pulmonary perfusion). Need to balance PEEP with perfusion. Do not use high PEEP or PEEP/FIO2 scales: this is not ARDS.

Összefoglalás helyett: <https://www.esicm.org/blog/?p=2744>

# SARS-CoV , SARS-CoV-2



SARS- CoV-2 and SARS-CoV spike proteins share 76.5% identity in amino acid sequences and, importantly, the SARS- CoV-2 and SARS-CoV spike proteins have a high degree of homology.

This similarity with SARS-CoV is critical because ACE2 is a functional SARS-CoV receptor in vitro and in vivo.

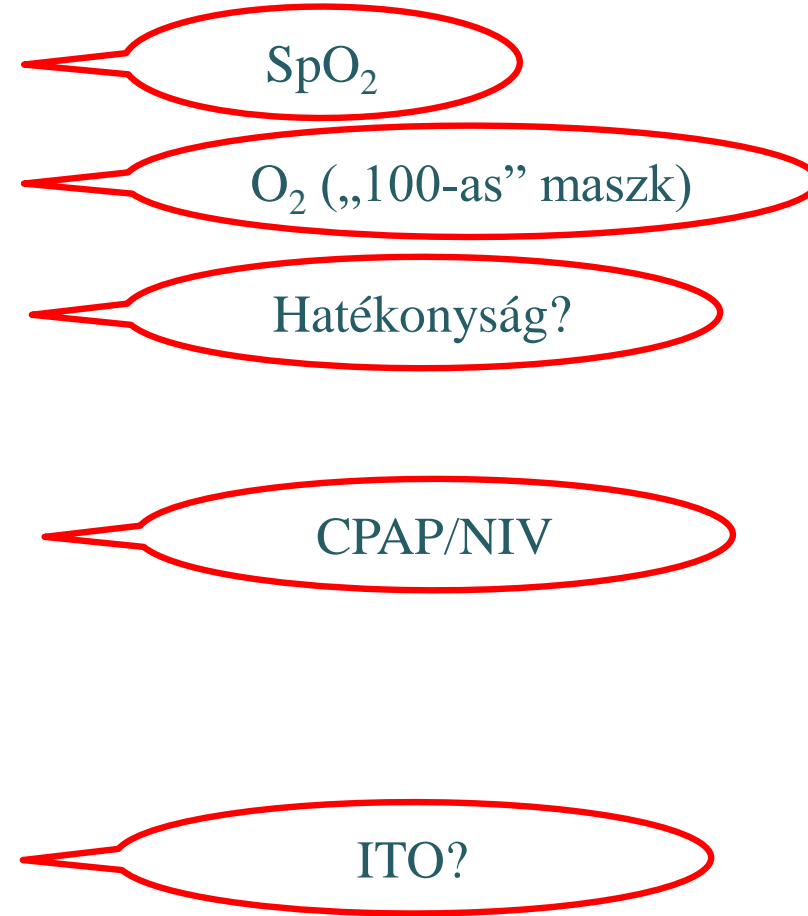
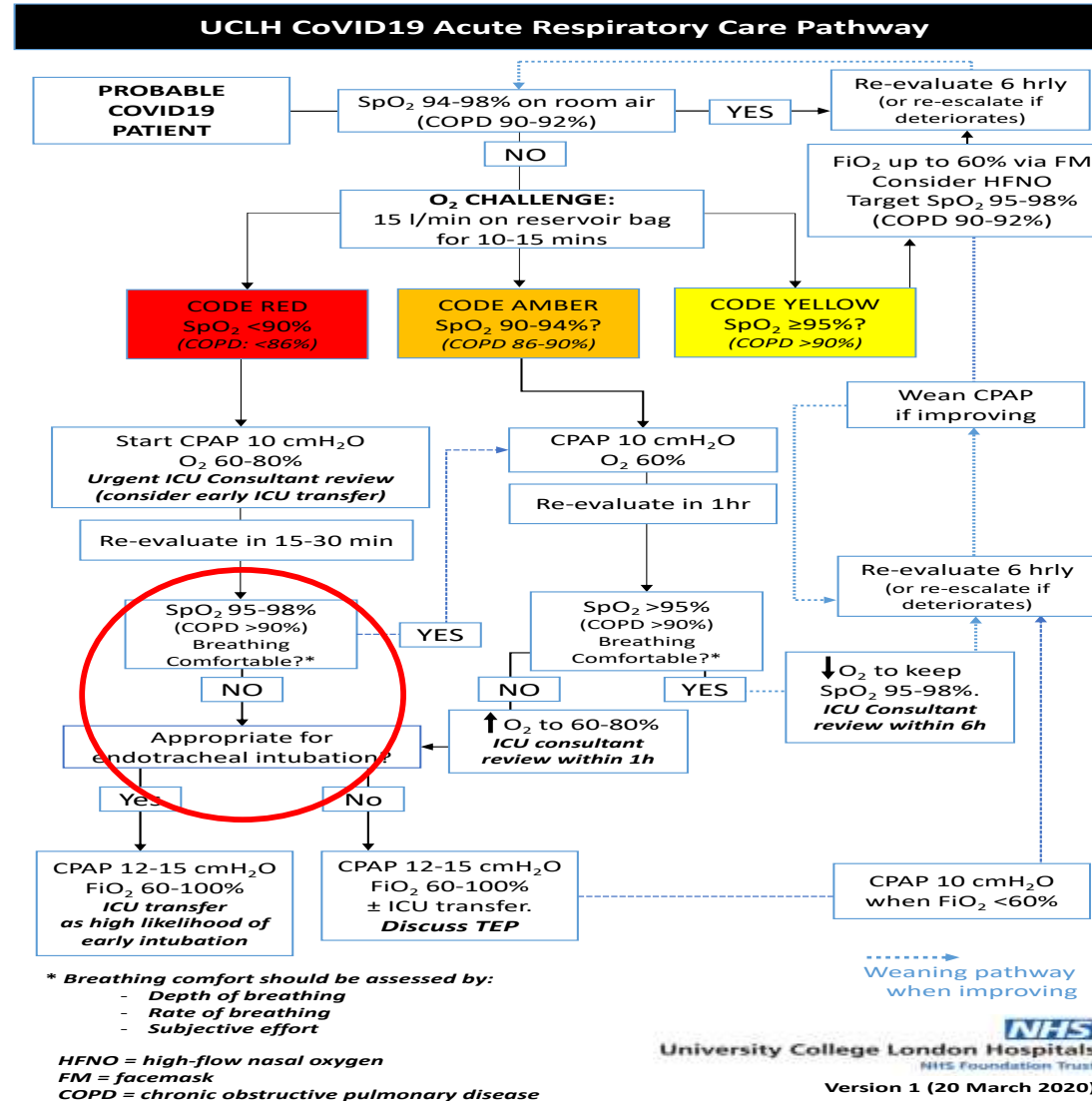
For SARS-CoV pathogenesis, ACE2 is not only the entry receptor of the virus but also protects from lung injury. We therefore previously suggested that in contrast to most other coronaviruses, SARS-CoV became highly lethal because the virus deregulates a lung protective pathway.

A crucial role of angiotensin converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) in SARS coronavirus–induced lung injury

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# Döntési algoritmus az ITO felvétel előtt (UCL)






# Intubációs algoritmus: COVID-19 módosított

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## PRINCIPLES\* OF AIRWAY MANAGEMENT IN CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

FOR SUSPECTED/REPORTABLE\*\* OR CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19



**BEFORE**

**STAFF PROTECTION**

- Hand Hygiene
- Minimize Personnel During Aerosol Generating Procedures\*\*\*
- Full Personal Protective Equipment\*\*\*\*
- Airborne Infection Isolation Room (if available)

**PREPARATION**

- Early Preparation of Drugs and Equipment
- Formulate plan Early
- Meticulous Airway Assessment
- Connect Viral/Bacterial Filter to Circuits and Manual Ventilator
- Use Closed Suctioning System
- Use Video Laryngoscopy (if available)

**DURING**

**TEAM DYNAMICS**

- Clear Delineation of Roles
- Closed-loop Communication Throughout
- Clear Communication of Airway Plan
- Case monitoring by All Team Members for Potential Contamination

**TECHNICAL ASPECTS**

- Airway Management by Most Experienced Practitioner
- Lowest Gas Flows Possible to Maintain Oxygenation
- Tight Fitting Mask with Two Hand Grip to Minimize Leak
- Rapid Sequence Induction and Avoid Bag-Mask Ventilation When Possible
- Ensure Paralysis to Avoid Coughing
- Positive Pressure Ventilation Only After Cuff Inflated

**AFTER**

- Avoid Unnecessary Circuit Disconnection
- Strict Adherence to Proper Dismantling Steps
- Hand Hygiene
- Team Debriefing
- If Disconnection Needed, Wear PPE and Standby Ventilator +/- Clamp Tube

\*Principles of Airway Management of COVID-19 may apply in Operating Theaters, Intensive Care, Emergency Department and Ward settings. Similar principles apply to endotracheal intubation.

\*\*There are regional and institutional variations on definition of a suspected/reportable case. Please refer to your own institutional practice.

\*\*\*Personal Protective Equipment according to your own institutional recommendations, may include: Particulate Respirator, Cap, Eye Protection, Long-sleeved Gown and Gloves.

\*\*\*\*Aerosol Generating Procedures: Tracheal Intubation, Nasal Intubation, Tracheostomy, Cardiopulmonary Bypass, Manual Ventilation before Intubation, if necessary, Open Suctioning of Respiratory Tract.

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