

Exacerbation Severity Assessment Tool

Clinical Respiratory Score (CRS)			
Assess	Score 0	Score 1	Score 2
Respiratory Rate	< 2 mos: < 50 2-12 mos: < 40 1-5 yrs: < 30 > 5 yrs: < 20	< 2 mos: 50-60 2-12 mos: 40-50 > 1-5 yrs: 30-40 > 5 yrs: 20-30	< 2 mos: > 60 2-12 mos: > 50 > 1-5 yrs: > 40 > 5 yrs: > 30
Auscultation	Good air movement, scattered expiratory wheezing, loose rales/crackles.	Depressed air movement, inspiratory and expiratory wheezes or rales/crackles.	Diminished or absent breath sounds, severe wheezing, or rales/crackles, or marked prolonged expiration.
Use of Accessory Muscles	Mild to no use of accessory muscles. Mild to no retractions, nasal flaring on inspiration.	Moderate intercostal retractions, mild to moderate use of accessory muscles, nasal flaring.	Severe intercostal and substernal retractions, nasal flaring.
Mental Status	Normal to mildly irritable	Irritable, agitated, restless.	Lethargic
Room Air SpO₂	> 95%	90-95%	< 90%
Color	Normal	Pale to normal	Cyanotic, dusky

(Add score from all rows to calculate total CRS score)