

The Pediatric Asthma Scoring Grid

Table 1. The Pediatric Asthma Score (PAS)*

Score	0	1	2
Respiratory rate			
2-3 years	≤34	35-39	≥40
4-5 years	≤30	31-35	≥36
6-12 years	≤26	27-30	≥31
>12 years	≤23	24-27	≥28
Oxygen requirements	>95% on room air	90% to 95% on room air	<90% on room air or on any oxygen
Auscultation	Normal breath sounds to end-expiratory wheeze only	Expiratory wheezing	Inspiratory and expiratory wheezing to diminished breath sounds
Retractions	None or intercostal	Intercostal & substernal	Intercostal, substernal and supraclavicular
Dyspnea	Speaks in sentences, coos and babbles	Speaks in partial sentences, short cry	Speaks in single words/short phrases/grunting
Scoring Reference			
Asthma severity	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Percent of predicted peak flow	>70%	50%-70%	<50%
Pediatric asthma score	0 - 2	3 - 6	7 - 10

* Values from each category were added to compute total PAS and designation of asthma severity.



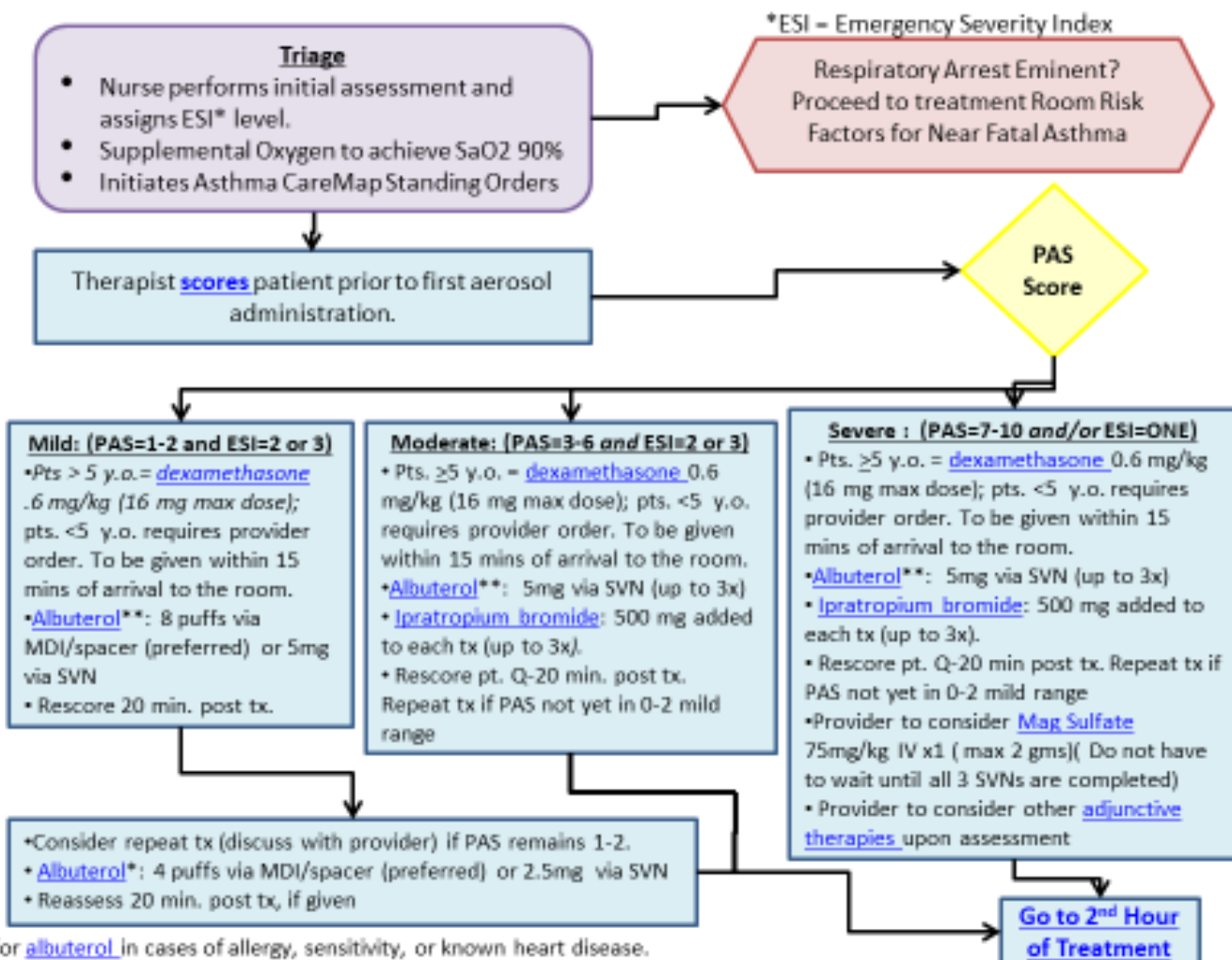
Original grid sourced from: [Qureshi F, Pestian J, Davis P, et al. N Eng J Med 1998; 339:1030 -1035](#)

Emergency Department Care: Chief Complaint = Pt > 4 presents with wheezing (1st Hour)



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- Blood work
- Antibiotics
- **CPT**
- **Oral Albuterol**
- **Theophylline**



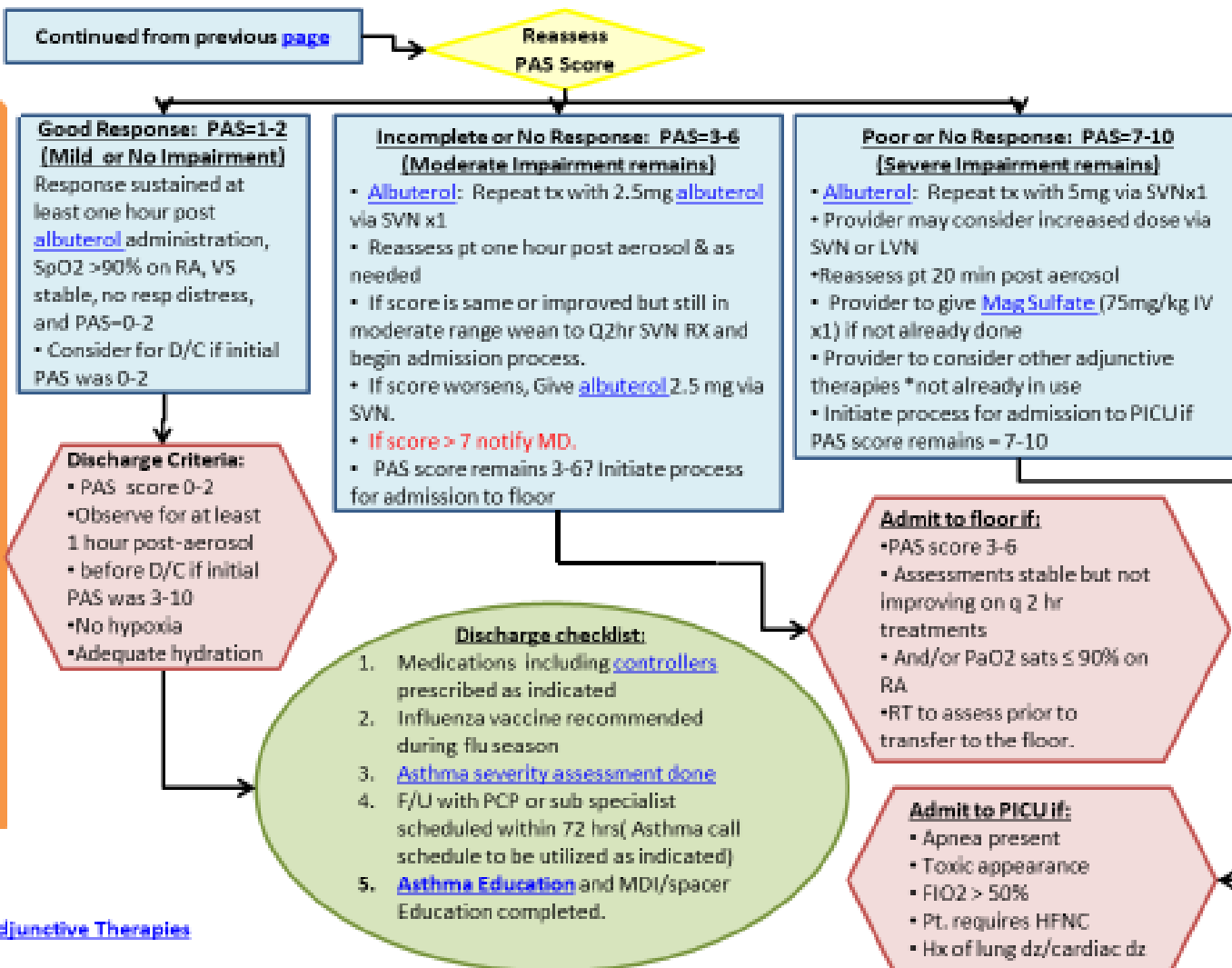
Xopenex substituted for **albuterol in cases of allergy, sensitivity, or known heart disease.

Emergency Department Care: 2nd Hour



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Adjunctive Therapies

Inpatient Care



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