

Clinical Findings	0 point	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points
Pulmonary Status	No pulmonary history, no issues at this time	Stable/controlled COPD	Uncontrolled COPD, thoracic injury	Tracheostomy, frequent suctioning required, active pneumonia	Severe or chronic COPD with exacerbation, Tracheostomy/NT suction $\geq$ q2hours
Cough Effectiveness	Strong spontaneous cough, nonproductive	Strong cough, productive	Weak cough, nonproductive	Weak cough, productive, require oral suctioning	No cough
Breath Sounds	Clear to auscultation	Decreased unilaterally	Decreased bilaterally	Rales in bases, rhonchi unilaterally	Severe wheezing or rhonchi throughout
Respiratory Pattern/Work of Breathing	Regular breathing pattern (RR 12-20)	Increased RR (20-25)	Dyspnea on exertion, irregular breathing pattern, expiratory wheeze clears with cough	Use of accessory muscles, prolonged expiration, inspiratory/expiratory wheeze, not clearing with cough	Severe dyspnea, use of accessory muscles (RR>30), severe wheezing
Modified Rankin Scale Or NIHSS	0	1	2	3	4-5
	0	1-4	5-15	15-20	21-42
Chest X-ray	Clear or not indicated	Chronic changes	Infiltrates, atelectasis or	Infiltrates, atelectasis or pleural effusions in more than one lobe	Infiltrates and atelectasis or

			pleural effusions, rib fractures		pleural infusion bilaterally
DOSS Scale	7	6-5	4-3	2	1
Oxygen level	Room air, or not use oxygen at home	1-6 liters Nasal Cannula to maintain SpO <sub>2</sub> at baseline or > 90%	6-15 liters on high- flow Nasal Cannula to maintain SpO <sub>2</sub> at baseline or > 90%	Heated high-flow Nasal Cannula ≥ 20 liters to maintain SpO <sub>2</sub> at baseline or > 90%	> 60% FiO <sub>2</sub> to maintain SpO <sub>2</sub> at baseline or > 90%

**Table 1. Respiratory Severity Score Assessment Tool**