

High Flow Nasal Cannula Weaning Pathway:

1. Inclusion Criteria

- Respiratory distress with diagnosis of **bronchiolitis** who have failed to respond to low flow oxygen

2. Exclusion criteria

- Neonates in special care nurseries

3. Contraindications

- Nasal obstruction
- Ingestion/toxins
- Life threatening hypoxia/apneas/hemodynamic instability
- Trauma (maxillofacial/suspected base of skull fracture/chest)
- Pneumothorax
- Foreign body aspiration.

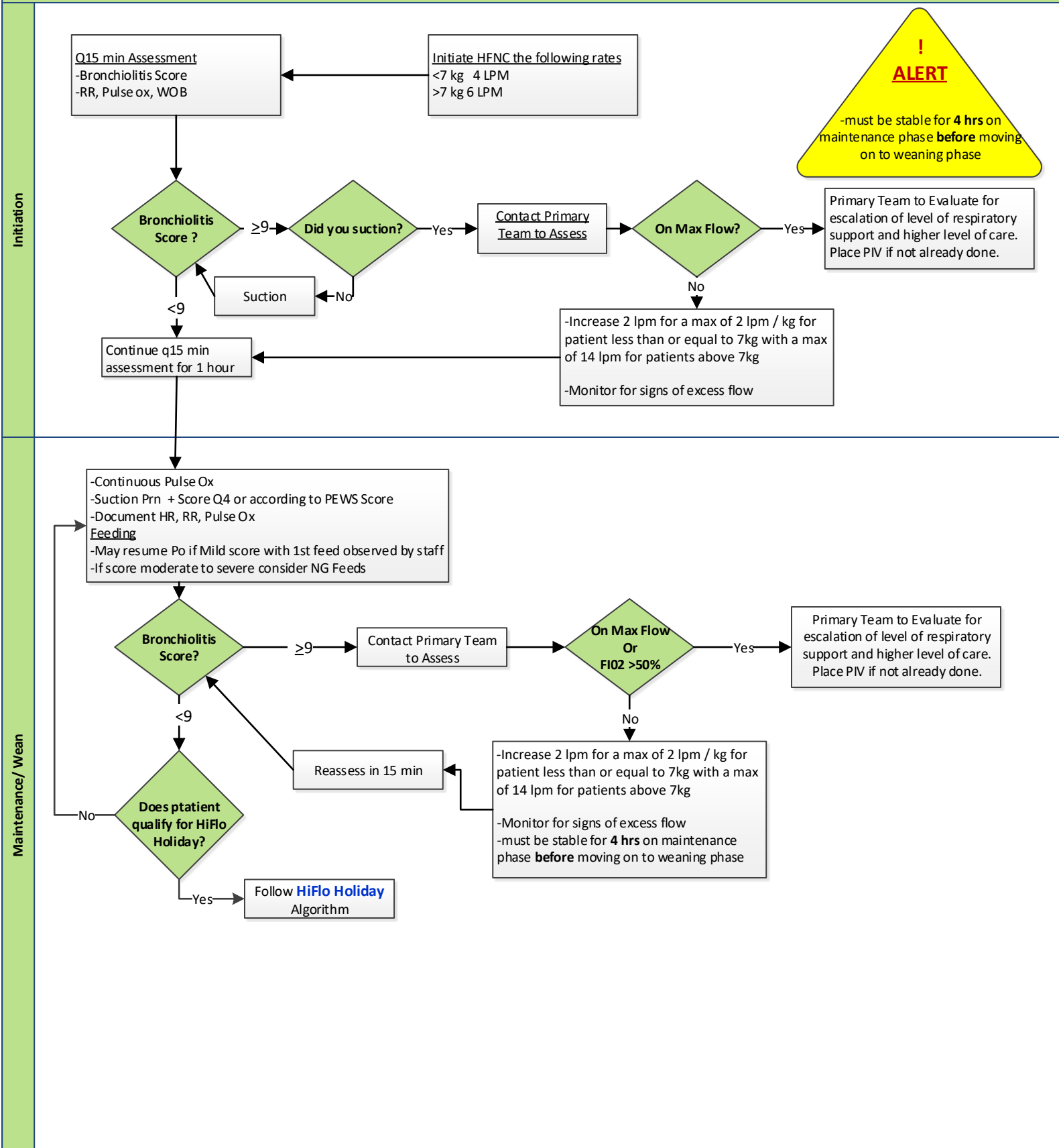
Proceed with caution in those with:

- Decreased level of consciousness (LOC)
- Congenital heart disease
- Asthma
- Chronic lung disease

Reference:

New South Wales (2016). Humidified High Flow Nasal Cannula Oxygen Guideline for Metropolitan Pediatric Wards and Eds.

DCMC HFNC Initiation, Maintenance, and Weaning Pathway



- EXCLUSION CRITERIA:**
- Born <32 weeks gestation
 - Cardiac disease requiring home medications
 - Chronic lung disease or on home oxygen
 - Significant neuromuscular disease

Patient Ordered on Bronchiolitis Protocol and qualifies for HFNC use

- Assess Q4H for clinical improvement and Holiday Readiness
- Wean FiO₂ to maintain SpO₂ >88 asleep and 90% awake
- Optimize suctioning and hydration
- Continue current local weaning practices.

Does patient meet **all** of the following criteria?

1. FiO₂ ≤40%
2. SpO₂ > 90% while awake and > 88% while asleep
3. HR within normal limits while calm?
4. Score <9 b-litis pathway

- Start High Flow Holiday BID**
- All Flow Rate with FiO₂ above 21% change to 2 lpm at 100%
 - All Flow Rate with FiO₂ at 21% take off HFNC and keep on RA
 - Monitor in room a minimum of 5 minutes- if immediate deterioration, place back on previous HFNC settings

- Reassess within 30-60 minutes to evaluate Holiday outcome
- Document Holiday Outcome in EHR

Clinical Decompensation while calm

- Severe WOB (increased retractions or severity)
- Increased HR greater than 20 bpm
- Increased respiratory rate by 10 bpm

NO Pass
Return to previous settings

HR, RR, WOB acceptable but SpO₂ <90% awake, 88% asleep?

PASS TO LFNC
Titrate nasal cannula to meet SPO₂ goals up to 2 lpm.

HR, RR, WOB acceptable and SpO₂ > 90%

PASS
Wean NC 1 lpm or leave on RA.

Patient Label

Date/Time _____

Bronchiolitis Assessment Scoring (BAS) Tool	0	1	2
RR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <2 mos: <50 • 2-12 mos: <40 • >1 yr: <30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <2 mos: 50-60 • 2-12 mos: 40-50 • >1yr: 30-40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <2 mos: >60 • 2-12 mos: >50 • >1yr >40
FiO2 AND O2 sat	≤24% & >90%	25-39% & >90%	≥40% & >90%
Breath Sounds (crackles don't change score)	Good air movement, few crackles, few wheezes	Decreased air movement, I-E wheezes, or crackles	Diminished or absent breath sounds, with severe wheezing, prolonged expiratory phase, crackles.
Work of Breathing	None, to mild subcostal retractions, abdominal breathing	Moderate retractions, nasal flaring	Severe retractions, nasal flaring, grunting, head bobbing
Mental Status	Normal to mildly irritability	agitated, restless	Lethargic
Color	Normal	Pale	Cyanotic
TOTAL	(calculate total score from all rows)		

Total Score

Mild = Weanable Score of 0-3

Moderate = Maintain = score of 4-8

Severe = increase support = score of 9-12

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