

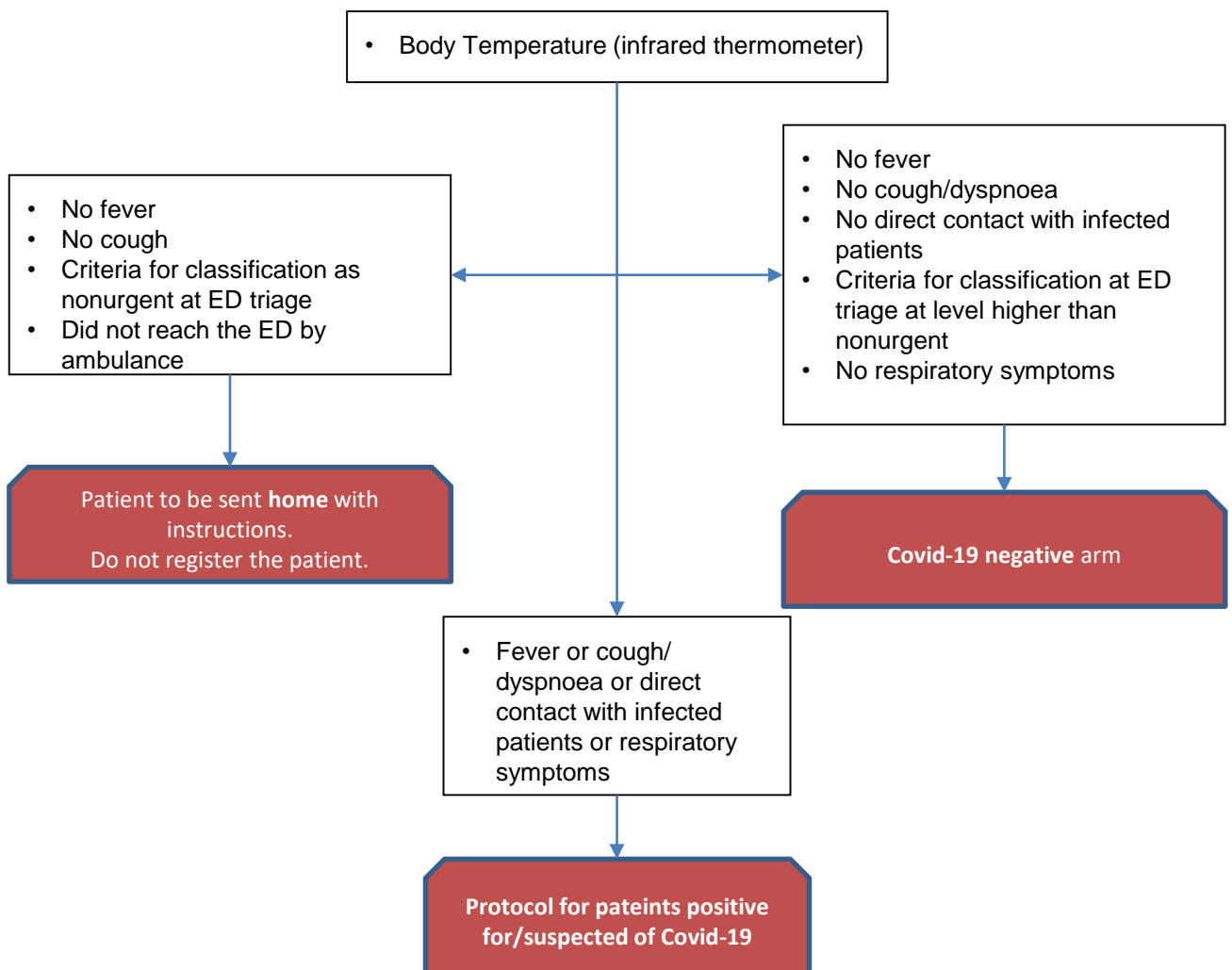
# Pre-triage

(triage nurse with PPE)

**To be performed outside of the ED, if possible**

## Aims

1. To invite patients triaged as nonurgent to return home.
2. To divide patients negative for Covid-19 from patients positive for or suspected of having Covid-19.
3. To provide masks and gloves to ALL patients with respiratory and/or signs/symptoms or infection AFTER hand hygiene.



# Triage positive/suspected Covid-19

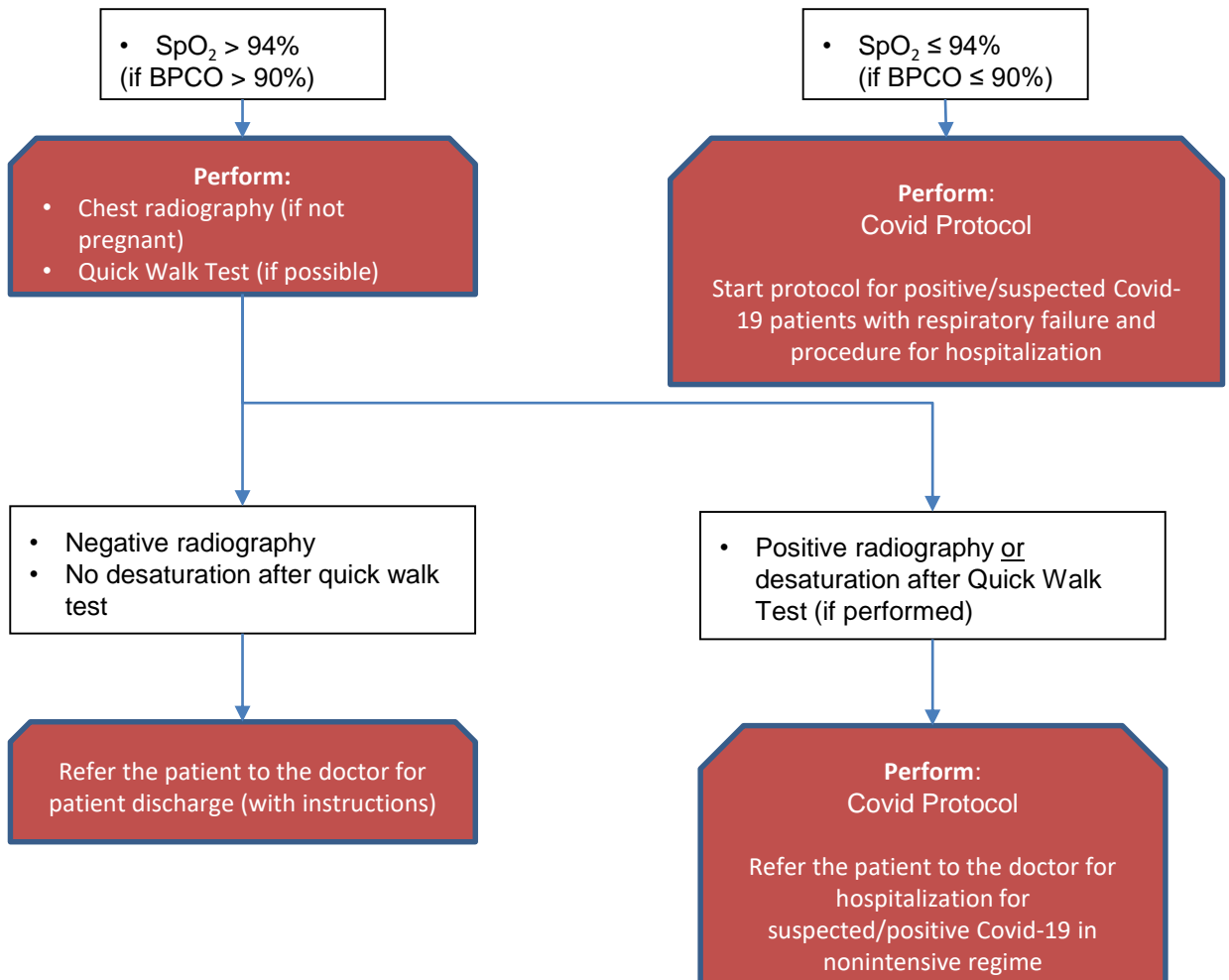
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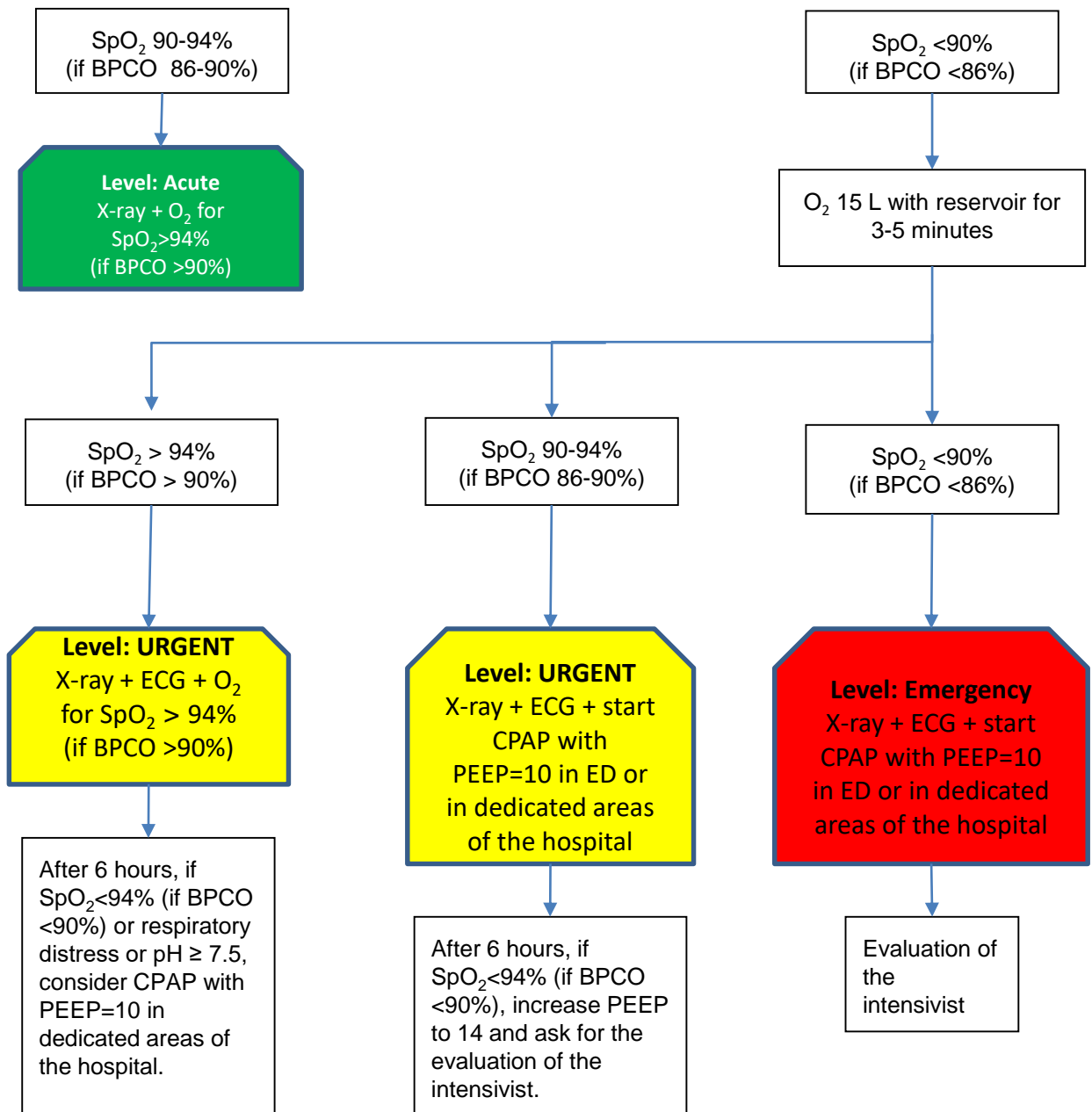
## Aims

1. To identify Covid-19 patients who do not need hospitalization
2. To start appropriate treatment for patients with respiratory failure, depending on the severity of illness



# Protocol for suspected/positive cases of Covid-19 with respiratory failure (ED nurse with complete PPE)

## FLOW-CHART FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY



## Notes

- **Covid Protocol:** AST, ALT, creatinine, azotemia, CBC, potassium, Na, Cl, glycemia, PT, PTT, CRP, LDH, Covid-19 test, Legionella and Pneumococcus urinary antigen, ABG **in ambient air** (whenever possible, enable nurses to request the panel of tests)
- **Quick Walk Test:** Evaluate the basal SpO<sub>2</sub>. Let the patient walk at the fastest possible pace for 20-30 metres, over a straight corridor or walkway and re-evaluate the SpO<sub>2</sub>. The test is positive in case of desaturation of 3 or more percentage points.