

SKU triaging system for Covid-19:  
Written for HD patients arriving for HD in any dialysis unit without known Covid-19  
Can be adapted for use in all patients attending OPD  
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On arrival to each HD unit the patient will be triaged and asked

- 1) Are they are unwell?
- 2) Do they have a household member who are self isolating because of covid-19 symptoms: There are (A) new onset continuous cough OR (B) fever
- 3) And have their temperature taken

Algorithm 1: What to do when the triaged patient has a temperature of less that 37.8

Algorithm 2: What to do when the triaged patient HAS a temperature of 37.8 or greater

Algorithm 3: What to do when triaging nurse decides patient MEDIUM RISK unwell and would usually be self isolating at home

Algorithm 4: What to do when

1. Triaging nurse decides patient HIGH RISK unwell and thinks patient may need isolated HD  
or
2. Patient called before they arrive at dialysis and they have a positive check list of symptoms

Algorithm 5: What to do when a patient rings up in advance of their HD session to report a problem

Waiting areas for MRDU:

- Advise all patients to ideally sit 2m apart (all units)
- Aim to get HD patient into their HD room as soon as possible to minimise waiting areas are
- Low risk waiting room area: main renal OPD waiting area on entry to level 8
- Medium risk waiting area: HD waiting area which sits in the middle of level 8
- High risk waiting area: designated clinic room in OPD on level 8

Other satellite HD units will develop their low, medium and high risk waiting area strategies

Issues to clarify as of 16.3.20:

Transport of suspected medium and high risk pt: which provider is responsible

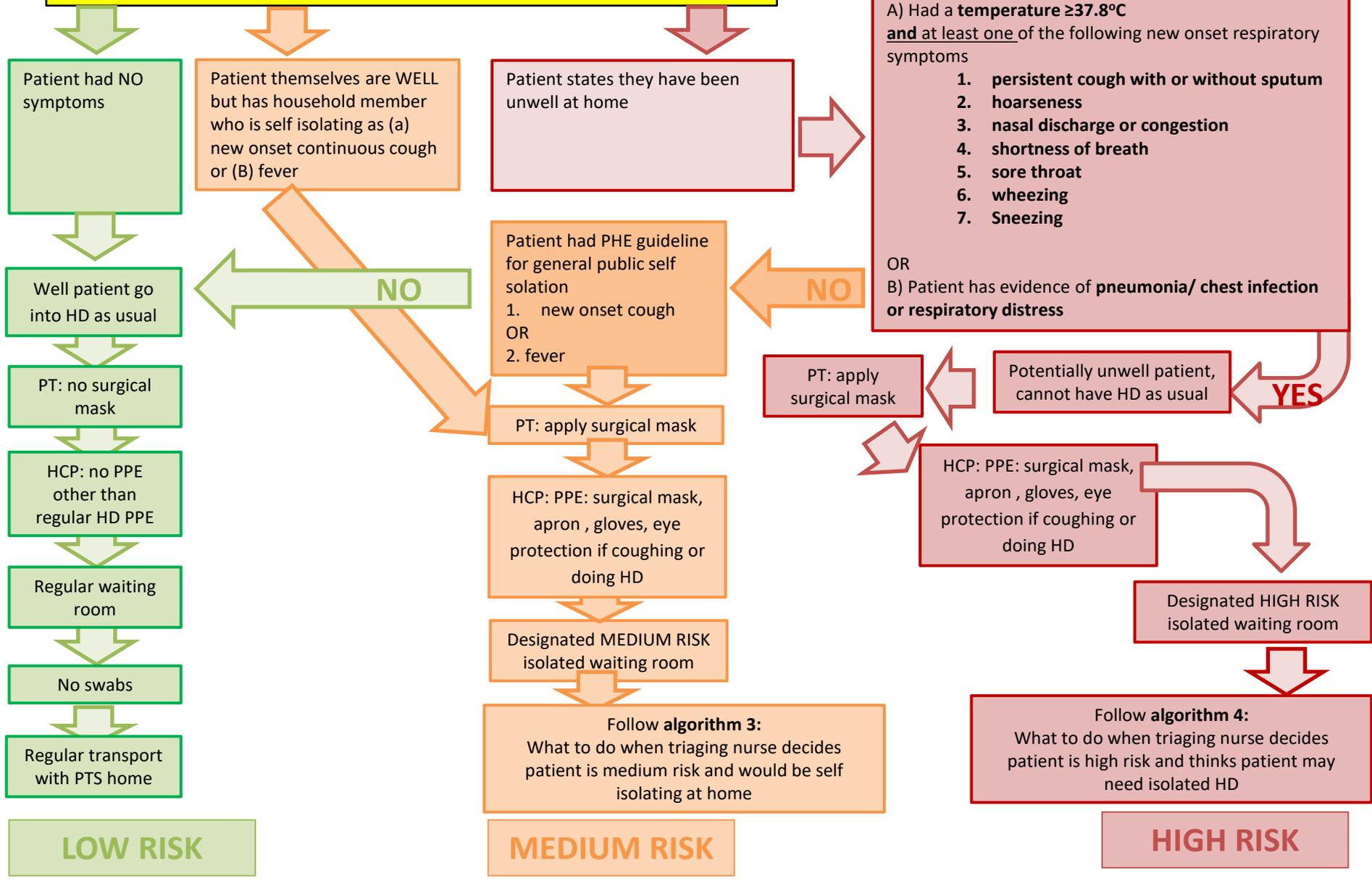
Can/ should we swab the medium risk patient and how would this be achieved at the satellite unit

Ensure St Helier happy with this plan: VI to contact Fiona Harris

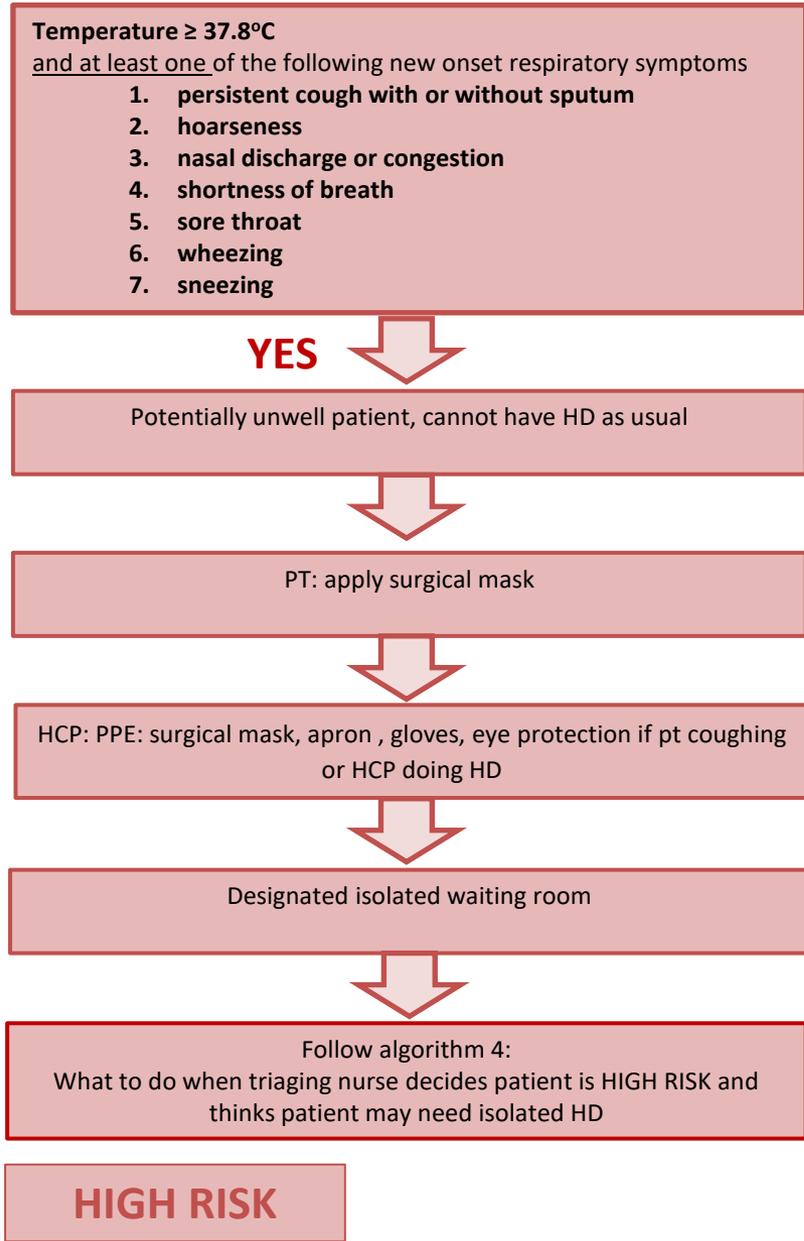
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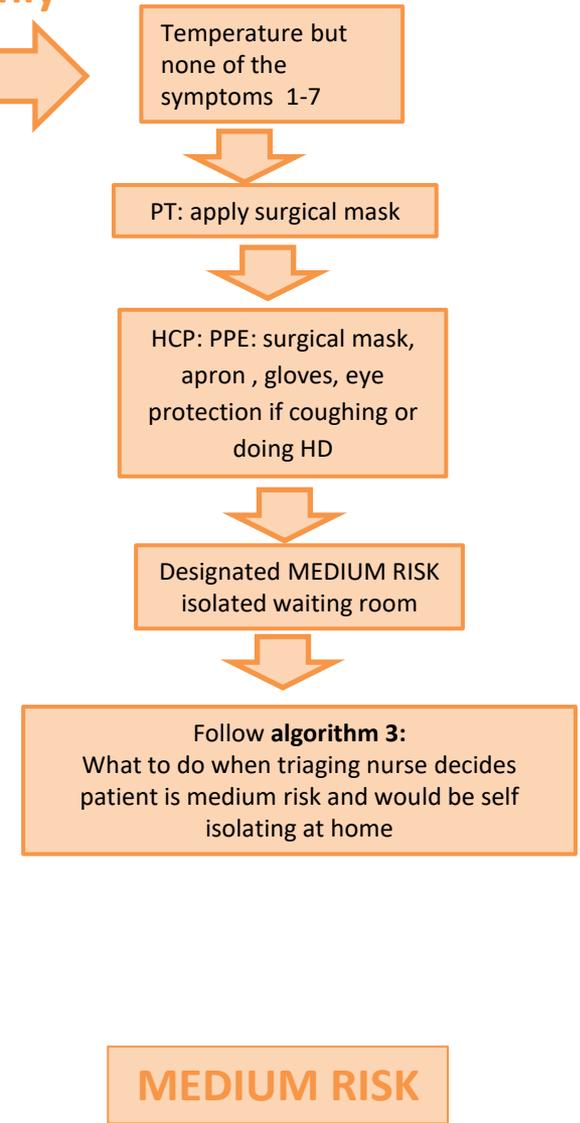
**Algorithm 1: What to do when the triaged pt has a temperature or less than 37.8°C**



Algorithm 2: What to do when the triaged patient HAS a temperature of 37.8 or greater



**NO – Temp only**



Algorithm 3: What to do when triaging nurse decides patient MEDIUM RISK unwell and would usually be self isolating at home

**REMEMBER SAFETY – MEDIUM RISK ENSURE THESE ARE IN PLACE IN ALL CASES:**

PT: apply surgical mask

Designated MEDIUM RISK isolated waiting room

HCP: PPE: surgical mask, apron, gloves, eye protection if coughing or doing HD

**ONLY if doing aerosol generating procedures eg resuscitation/ intubation/ NIV do you need the following for covid suspected patients:**

**Need:**

- FFP3 mask or hood
- Full-length fluid repellent gown
- Gloves
- Goggles/Visor

**Attend HD in usual area, either satellite or MRDU**

Cohort this group of patients in the same area in the dialysis unit, but may be in a bay with low risk patients

If would not ordinarily see a Dr, then don't request this  
Or  
Call bleep 8808 for advice

Unclear whether we swab these pts, TBC

Transport home TBC dw Jenny Widgery currently

Tell patient to self isolate at home

**MEDIUM RISK**

Confirm with trust if these medium risk pts can have swabs  
If we did swabs how would the satellite units do these

Algorithm 4: What to do when

1. Triaging nurse decides patient HIGH RISK unwell and thinks patient may need isolated HD or
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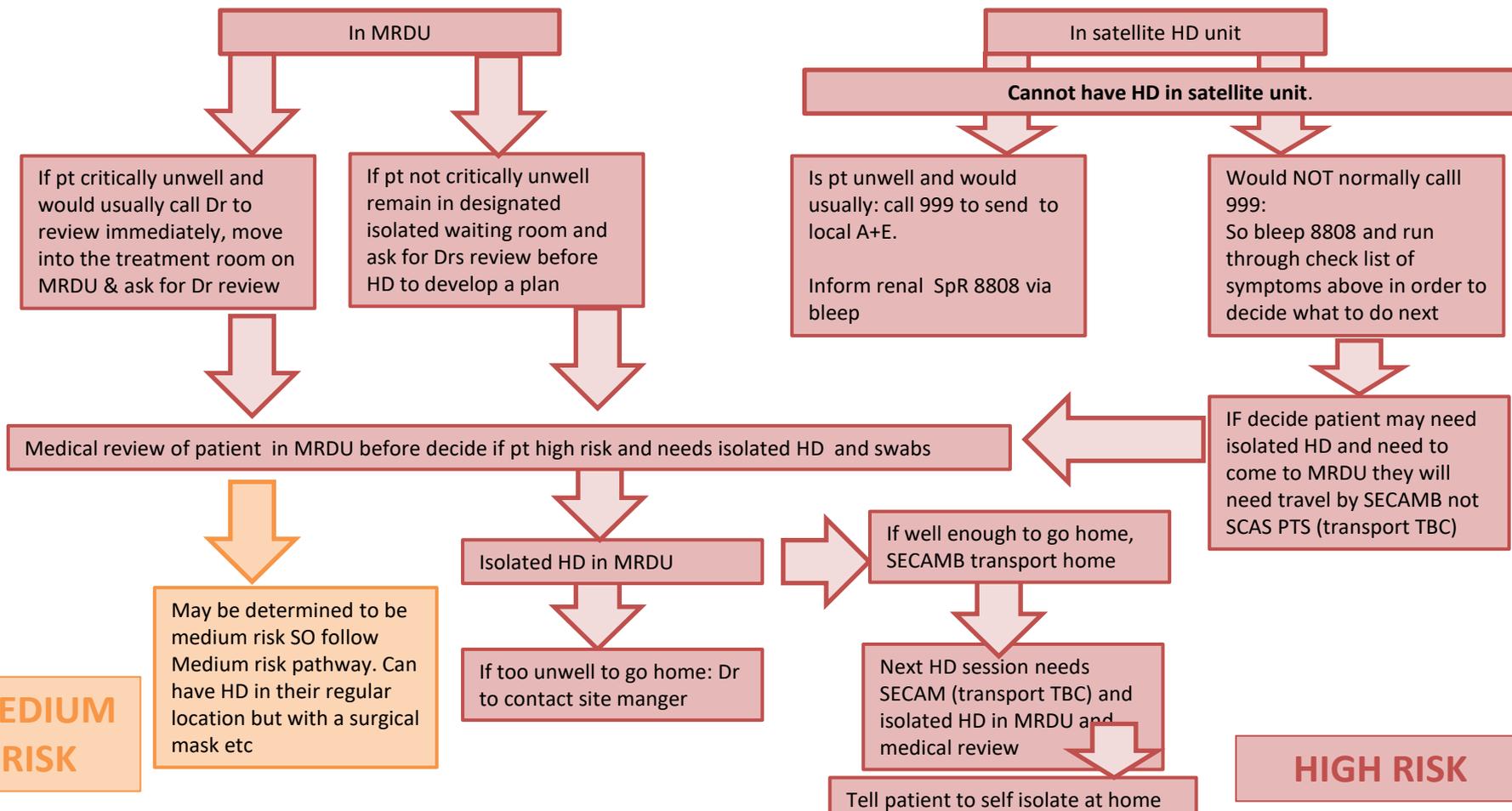
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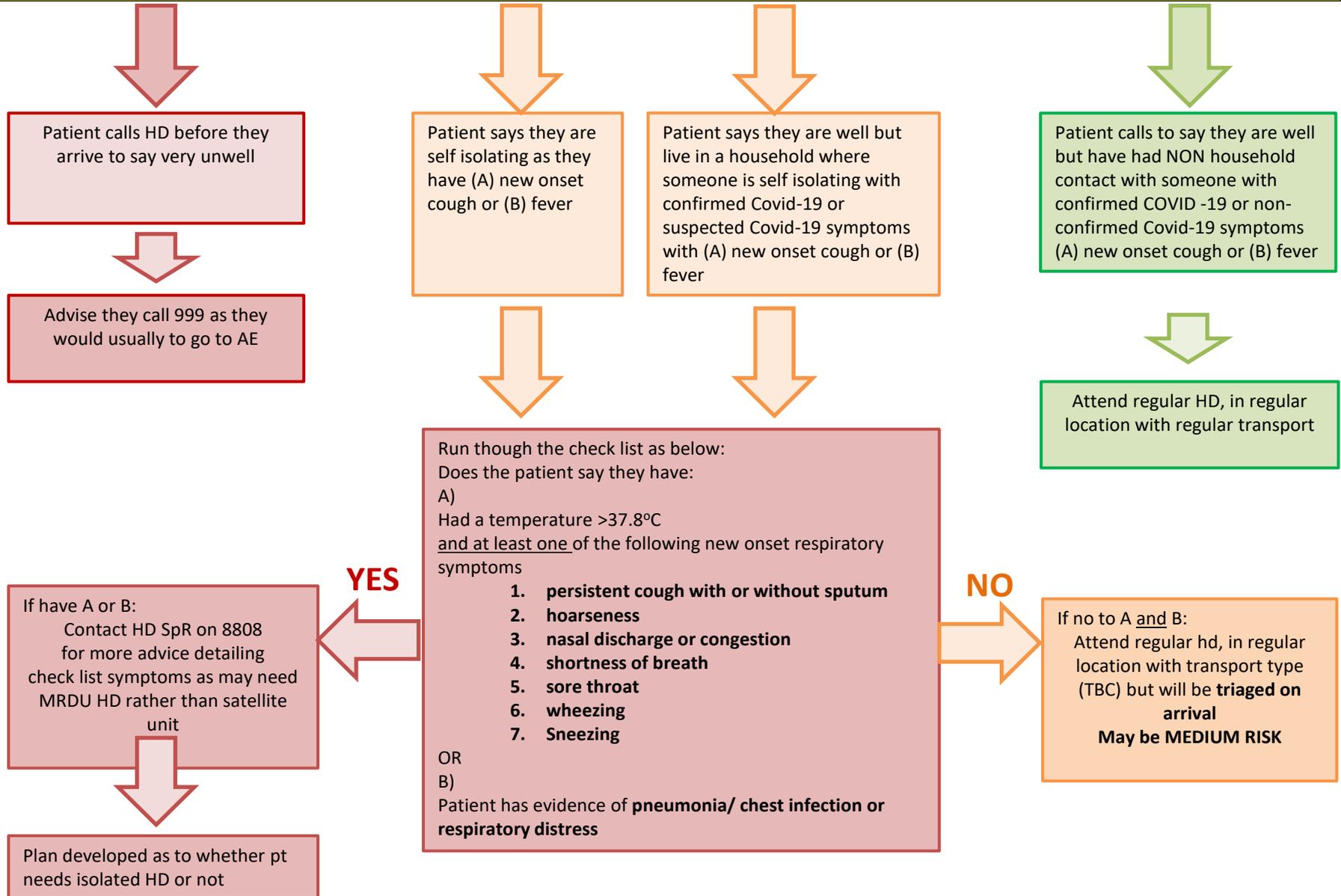
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**MEDIUM RISK**

**HIGH RISK**

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Algorithm 6: What to do when the patient had KNOWN COVID-19

If confirmed COVID-19  
HCP to wear full PPE

- FFP3 mask or hood
- Full-length fluid repellent gown
- Gloves
- Goggles/Visor

PT: apply surgical mask

Isolated HD in MRDU