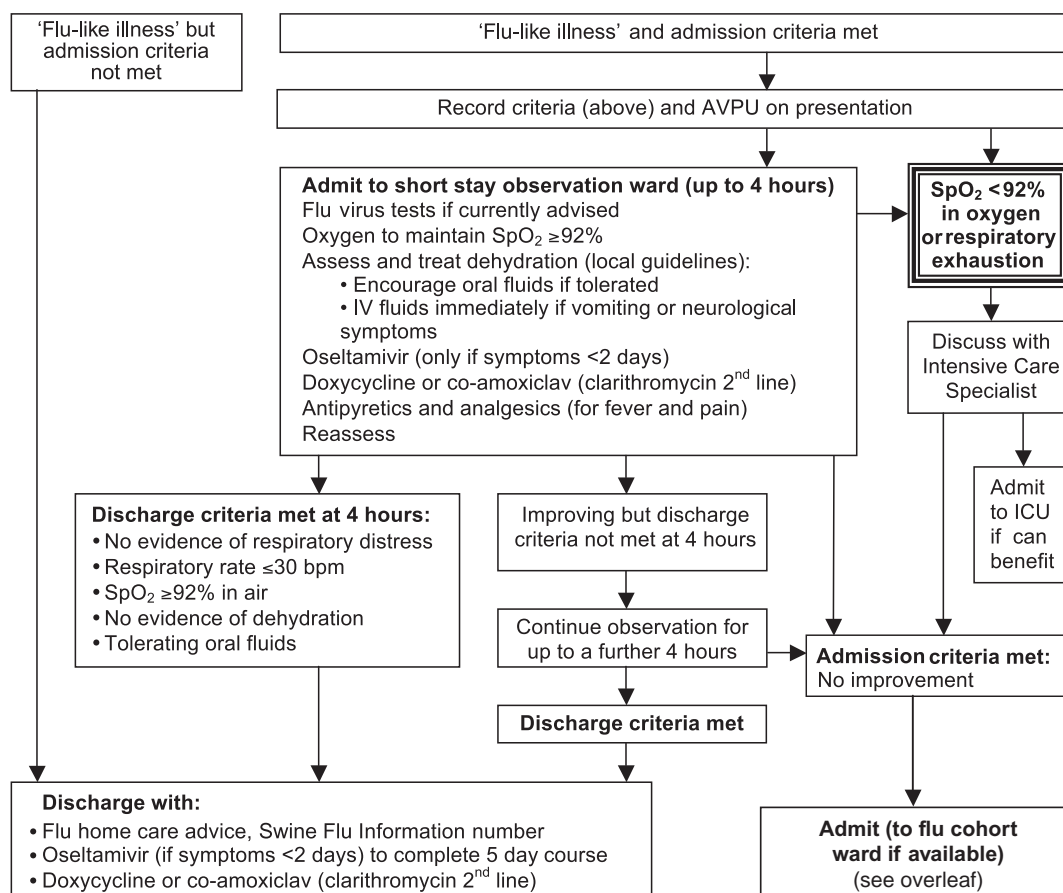


Swine flu adult hospital pathways – Emergency Department management

This flowchart should be used to manage 'flu-like illness' during a pandemic situation.

Triage assessment tool to be completed in Emergency Department

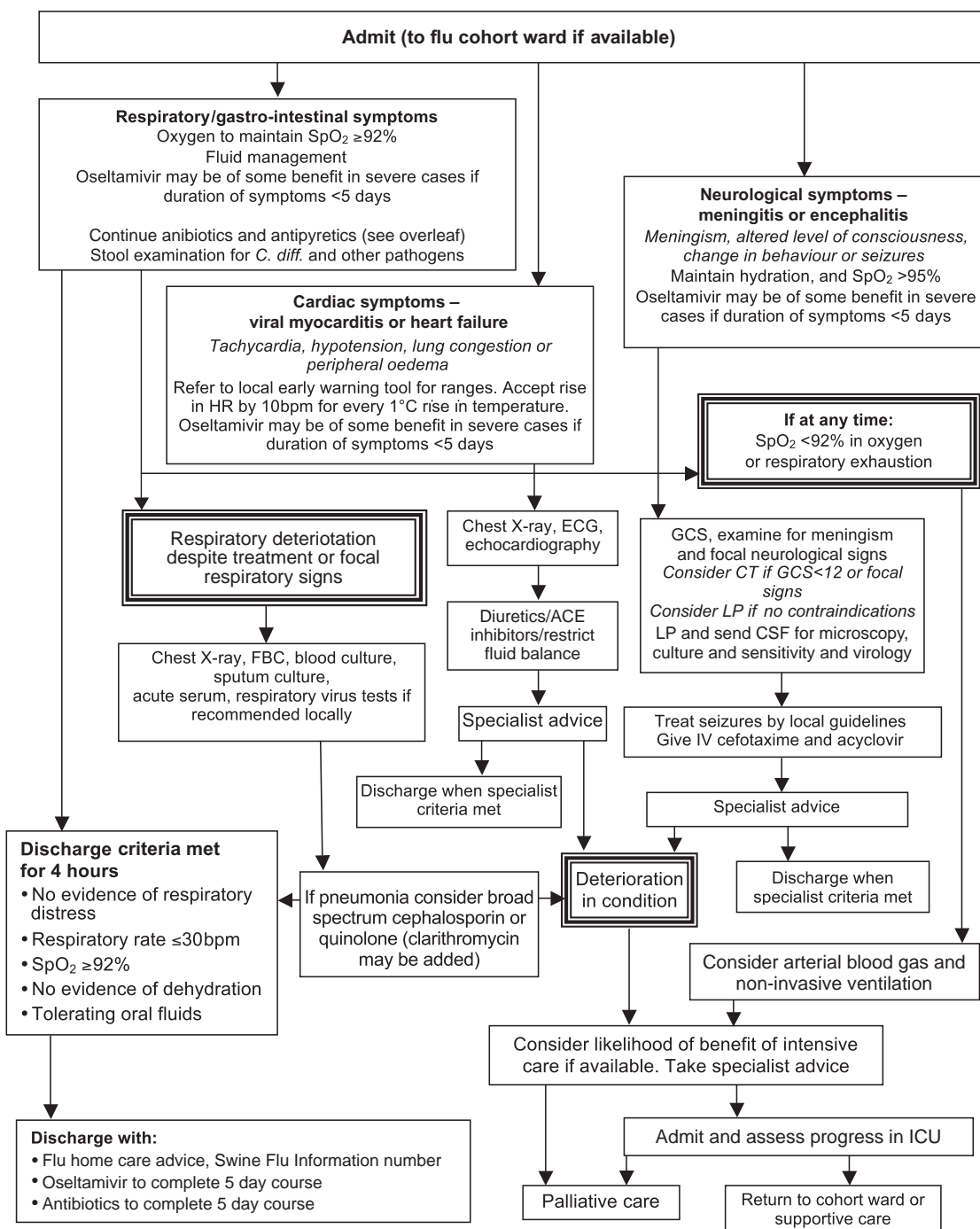
Criteria label	ADULTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION AT THE NEAREST GENERAL HOSPITAL IF THEY PRESENT WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
A	Severe respiratory distress Severe breathlessness, e.g. unable to complete sentences in one breath. Use of accessory muscles, supra-clavicular recession, tracheal tug or feeling of suffocation.
B	Increased respiratory rate measured over at least 30 seconds. Over 30 breaths per minute.
C	Oxygen saturation $\leq 92\%$ on pulse oximetry, breathing air or on oxygen Absence of cyanosis is a poor discriminator for severe illness.
D	Respiratory exhaustion New abnormal breathing pattern, e.g. alternating fast and slow rate or long pauses between breaths.
E	Evidence of severe clinical dehydration or clinical shock Systolic blood pressure $< 90\text{mmHg}$ and/or diastolic blood pressure $< 60\text{mmHg}$. Sternal capillary refill time > 2 seconds, reduced skin turgor.
F	Altered conscious level New confusion, striking agitation or seizures.
G	Causing other clinical concern to the clinical team or specialist doctor e.g. a rapidly progressive or an unusually prolonged illness.



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