

BiPAP (NIV) exclusion criteria

ABSOLUTE CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Pneumonia
- Asthma
- Severe facial deformity
- Facial or upper airway burns
- Fixed upper airway obstruction

RELATIVE CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Untreated pneumothorax
- Recent upper GI or craniofacial surgery
- Vomiting / aspiration risk (consider NG tube)
- Bowel obstruction (consider NG tube)
- pH \leq 7.15 (or $<$ 7.25 and additional adverse features)
- GCS \leq 8, confused, agitated, cognitive impairment
- Suspected COVID-19 – see *NIV COVID Pathway*

INDICATIONS FOR ITU INPUT:

- Acute hypercapnic respiratory failure with impending arrest
- IV sedation
- Close monitoring
- Suspected difficult intubation (e.g. obese, MND)
- Suspected COVID-19