

Management - Primary Care and Community Settings

Suspected Croup Call 999 Features of impending airway compromise Stay with the child Barking cough Alert local paeds team **Patient Presents** Stridor Complete Mild fever Consider differential: observation Coryza FB (acute onset, choking, episode, lack of coryza, fever etc), +/- PEWS Miserable Epiglottitis and tracheitis (high fever, systemically unwell, unable to swallow saliva) score Amber - Intermediate Risk Red - high risk **Assessment Green - Low Risk** Alert Disorientated or drowsy Behaviour Alert >94% Pink • >94% Pink <94% pale or cyanosed Sats

Green Action

Reassure

Consider analgesia

Stridor only when upset

 No recession · Normal air entry

Dexamethasone 0.15mg/kg PO

Home with clear guidance and provide them with patient advice sheet. Confirm they are comfortable with the decisions/advice given and then think

YES

"Safeguarding" before sending home

Amber Action

Keep child and family calm

Consider analgesia

Stridor at rest

Some recession

Decreased air entry

Dexamethasone 0.15mg/kg PO if available*

Place in Waiting Room and review in 30 minutes*

*If not possible - please refer to emergency care

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NO

Red Action

Biphasic stridor* (May be quiet if life threatening)

Leaning forward to breathe (Tripod breathing)

Keep child and family calm

Severely decreased air entry

Consider analgesia

Severe recession

Consider Adrenaline neb (0.4ml/kg 1:1000 up to 5ml)

Dexamethasone up to 0.6mg/kg (max 12mg) orally if available

Oxygen as tolerated

Stay with the child

999 transfer to ED

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