

ASTHMA

Clinical considerations for CXR

in children 2yr—17yr with known/suspected asthma.

If **NONE** of these are present, question your reason for a CXR.

- Fever $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ (100°F) for ≥ 72 hrs
- Toxic, ill appearance, somnolent, lethargic, or listless
- Focal lung exam findings (decreased breath sounds, rales, rhonchi) or crepitus
- First wheezing episode
- Chest pain
- Worsening** accessory muscle use, nasal flaring, head bobbing, severe retractions after standard asthma treatment in ED including:
 - 3 treatments with inhaled beta agonist + steroids
- Requiring escalation of care:
 - Continuous albuterol, magnesium, epinephrine, terbutaline
 - Supplemental oxygen to maintain saturations $>92\%$

Comorbidities

- Cerebral palsy &/or neuromuscular disease
- Prematurity (<37 wks gestation)
- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
- Tracheostomy
- Cystic fibrosis
- Ciliary dyskinesias
- Congenital heart disease
- Sickle cell disease
- Immunosuppression
 - Cancer
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Transplant

*Presence of one or more of these does **NOT** automatically require a CXR.*



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BRONCHIOLITIS

Clinical considerations for CXR
in children 2mo—2yr with history & exam
consistent with bronchiolitis.

If **NONE** of these are present, question your reason for a CXR.

Comorbidities

- Fever $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ (100°F) for ≥ 72 hrs
- Toxic, ill appearance, somnolent, lethargic, or listless
- Focal lung exam findings (decreased breath sounds, rales, rhonchi) or crepitus
- First wheezing episode
- Chest pain
- Worsening** accessory muscle use, nasal flaring, head bobbing, severe retractions
- Requiring escalation of care:
 - High flow oxygen
 - CPAP, BiPAP
 - Intubation
- Cerebral palsy &/or neuromuscular disease
- Prematurity (<37 wks gestation)
- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
- Tracheostomy
- Cystic fibrosis
- Ciliary dyskinesias
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CROUP

Clinical considerations for CXR in children 6mo—3yr with history & exam consistent with croup.

If **NONE** of these are present, question your reason for a CXR.

- Suspected foreign body ingestion or choking episode in past 2 wks
- Fever $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ (100°F) for ≥ 72 hrs
- Toxic, ill appearance, somnolent, lethargic, or listless
- Focal lung exam findings (decreased breath sounds, rales, rhonchi) or crepitus
- Worsening** stridor, accessory muscle use, nasal flaring, head bobbing, severe retractions after standard croup treatment in ED including:
 - Steroids
 - Racemic epinephrine
- Requiring escalation of care:
 - ≥ 2 doses of racemic epinephrine
 - Supplemental oxygen to maintain saturations $>92\%$

Comorbidities

- Cerebral palsy &/or neuromuscular disease
- Prematurity (<37 wks gestation)
- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
- Tracheostomy
- Cystic fibrosis
- Ciliary dyskinesias
- Congenital heart disease
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