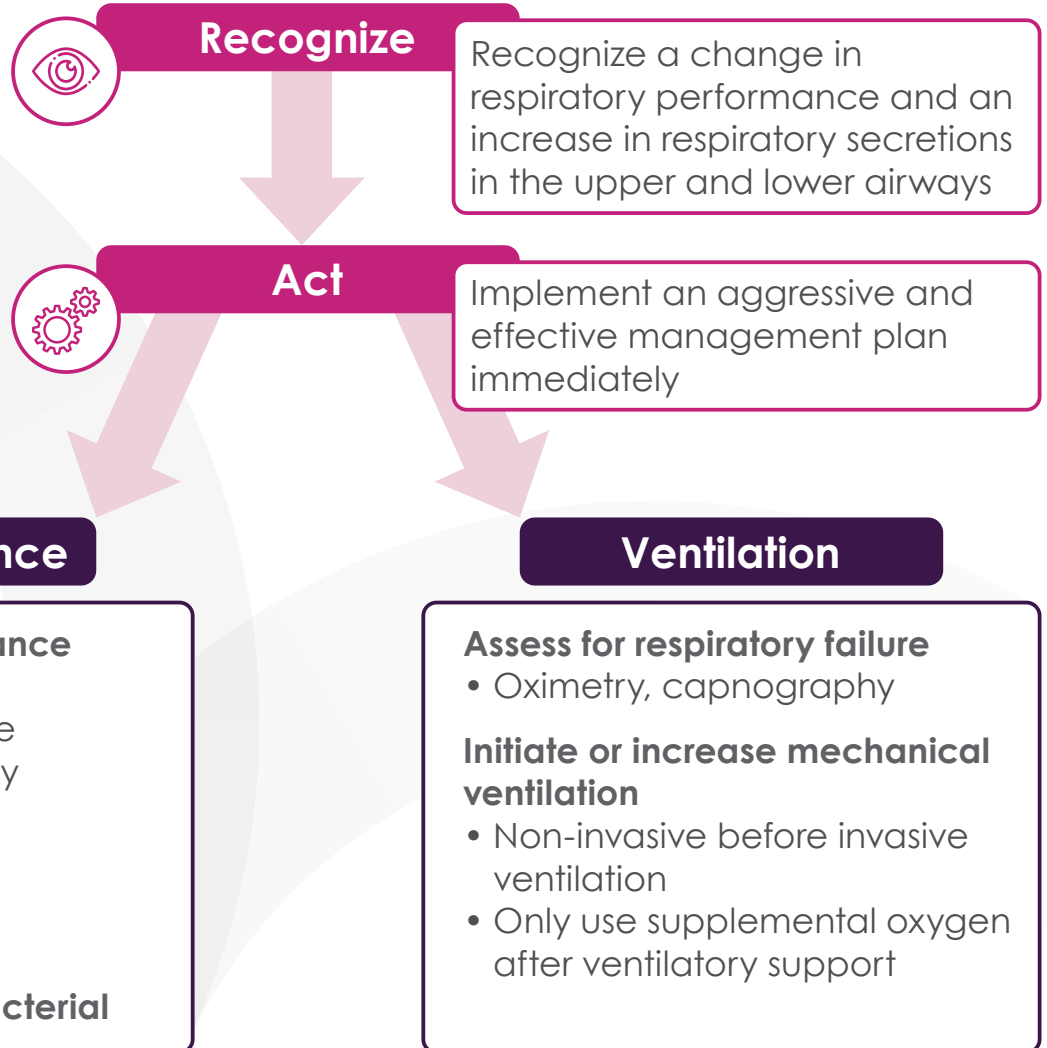


- Chronic respiratory management is critical in ensuring the longitudinal respiratory health of patients with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)
- It is equally important to implement a proactive and effective management plan during acute respiratory illness, to prevent prolonged and more severe illness
- This practice guide provides guidance on acute-care management



- In patients with no need for chronic respiratory support, be aware of the potential need for assisted airway clearance or mechanical ventilation during an acute illness
- Initiation of assisted airway clearance or mechanical ventilation during an acute illness does not necessarily lead to chronic use of the equipment especially in the current treatment landscape with disease-modifying medications

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