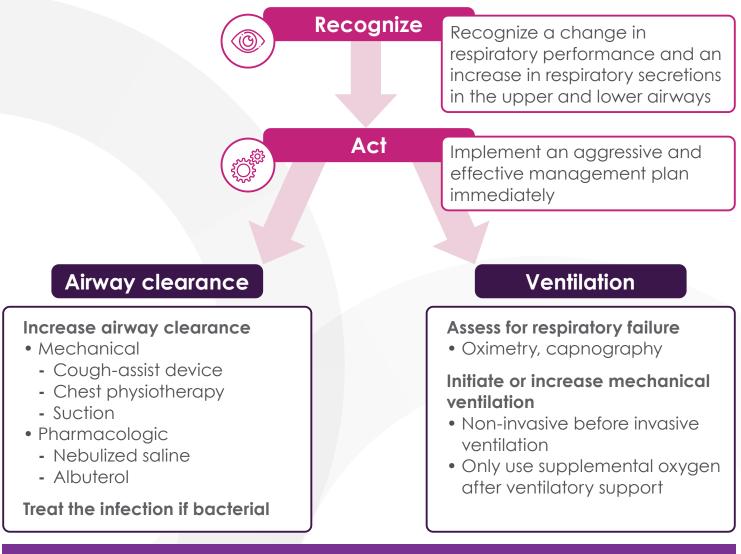


Practice guide Acute-care management in SMA

- 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

Access the CME program "Integrating neurological and pulmonary care for adolescents with SMA" at https://ologyeducation.org

Developed in collaboration with Oscar H. Mayer, MD. Finkel RS, et al. Neuromuscul Disord. 2018;28:197-207. © 2021, Ology Medical Education, CC BY-NC-ND 4.0 International license.

This document is for educational purposes and does not serve as a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment.