

Color Code Vent Priority	Initial Assessment SOFA SCORE #1	Reassessment #1 120 hours/5 days SOFA SCORE #2	Reassessment #2 168hours/7 days SOFA SCORE #3	Reassessment #3 216 hours/9 days SOFA SCORE #4
	<b>DNR/DNI, ADVANCE DIRECTIVE, NO VENTILATOR ALLOCATED</b>			
No Vent needed	<b>NO VENTILATOR ALLOCATED, or healthy enough for extubation.</b>			
RED: FIRST PRIORITY See Note 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial SOFA 1-7 or SINGLE ORGAN FAILURE</li> <li>Some organ insufficiency</li> <li>If ventilator allocated, must be given a reasonable trial of intubation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOFA 0-7, remains Red</li> <li>SOFA 8-11 becomes Yellow</li> <li>SOFA 12-24 becomes Blue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If significant improvement (<math>\geq 1</math> SOFA points), remains RED.</li> <li>If no significant improvement and SOFA <math>\leq 7</math> then downgraded to YELLOW, loses ventilator if RED IS waiting</li> <li>If worsens and SOFA <math>\geq 8</math>, then downgraded to BLUE, loses ventilator if RED or YELLOW waiting.</li> <li>See Note 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If significant improvement (<math>\geq 1</math> SOFA points), remains RED.</li> <li>If no significant improvement and SOFA <math>\leq 7</math> then downgraded to YELLOW, loses ventilator if RED IS waiting</li> <li>If worsens and SOFA <math>\geq 8</math>, then downgraded to BLUE, loses ventilator if RED or YELLOW waiting.</li> <li>See Note 4</li> </ul>
YELLOW: SECOND PRIORITY See Note 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial SOFA 8-11</li> <li>Severe organ insufficiency</li> <li>Ventilator allocated if there are BLUE on ventilator (See Note 5)</li> <li>If ventilator allocated, must be given a reasonable trial of intubation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOFA 0-7, becomes Red</li> <li>SOFA 8-11 remains Yellow</li> <li>SOFA 12-24 becomes Blue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If significant improvement (<math>\geq 1</math> SOFA points), upgraded to RED and keeps ventilator.</li> <li>If no improvement or worsens, downgraded to BLUE, loses ventilator if RED or YELLOW waiting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If significant improvement (<math>\geq 1</math> SOFA points), upgraded to RED and keeps ventilator.</li> <li>If no improvement or worsens, downgraded to BLUE, loses ventilator if RED or YELLOW waiting.</li> </ul>
BLUE: THIRD PRIORITY See Note 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial SOFA 12-24</li> <li>Multi-organ failure</li> <li>Ventilator allocated <b>ONLY if no RED or YELLOW waiting</b></li> <li>If ventilator allocated, may be up for reallocation at any point.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOFA 0-7, becomes Red</li> <li>SOFA 8-11 becomes Yellow</li> <li>SOFA 12-24 remains Blue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If significant improvement to SOFA 0-7, upgraded to RED and keeps ventilator</li> <li>If improved to SOFA 8-11, upgraded to YELLOW and keeps ventilator if no RED waiting.</li> <li>If no improvement, remains BLUE and loses ventilator if RED or YELLOW waiting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If significant improvement to SOFA 0-7, upgraded to RED and keeps ventilator</li> <li>If improved to SOFA 8-11, upgraded to YELLOW and keeps ventilator if no RED waiting.</li> <li>If no improvement, remains BLUE and loses ventilator if RED or YELLOW waiting</li> </ul>
MEETS EXCLUSION CRITERIA	<p><b>NO VENTILATOR ALLOCATED unless NO blue, yellow, or red patients waiting</b></p> <p><i>Exclusion Criteria:</i> 1. Unwitnessed cardiac arrest without hemodynamic stability; 3. Cardiac arrest unresponsive to standard interventions and measures; 4. Trauma related arrest; 5. Irreversible age-specific hypotension unresponsive to fluid resuscitation and vasopressor therapy; 6. Traumatic brain injury with no motor response to painful stimulus; 7. Severe burns where the expectation of survival is less than 10% even with unlimited aggressive therapy; 8. Any other conditions resulting in immediate or near-immediate mortality even with aggressive therapy</p>			

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- Whenever a group of people is eligible either to receive a ventilator or to be removed from a ventilator, a random process will be used to determine who should either receive or be removed.

<p><b>Color Code</b> <b>Vent Priority</b></p>	<p><b>Initial Assessment</b> <b>SOFA SCORE #1</b></p>
<p><b>NO VENT NEEDED</b></p>	<p><b>DNR/DNI, ADVANCE DIRECTIVE, NO VENTILATOR ALLOCATED</b></p> <p><b>NO VENTILATOR ALLOCATED, or healthy enough for extubation.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No organ insufficiency</li> </ul>
<p><b>RED: FIRST PRIORITY</b></p> <p>A patient who is intubated for airway protection <u>without</u> organ failure is designated as RED. Once assigned a ventilator, RED patients keep the ventilator as long as they remain RED.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Initial SOFA 1-7 or SINGLE ORGAN FAILURE</b></li> <li>Some organ insufficiency</li> <li>If ventilator allocated, must be given a reasonable trial of intubation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>YELLOW: SECOND PRIORITY</b></p> <p><b>YELLOW</b> patients are allowed a <b>fair trial of intubation</b>, until the first assessment at 120 hours. Once assigned a ventilator, they keep it until the next assessment. But after each assessment, any patient designated <b>YELLOW</b> can be displaced by a new RED patient during the first 12 hours after their assessment. After that point, they will remain on the ventilator until their next formal assessment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Initial SOFA 8-11</b></li> <li>Severe organ insufficiency</li> <li>Ventilator allocated if there are <b>BLUE</b> on ventilator (See Note 5)</li> <li>If ventilator allocated, must be given a reasonable trial of intubation.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>NO VENT NEEDED</b></p>	<p><b>DNR/DNI, ADVANCE DIRECTIVE, NO VENTILATOR ALLOCATED</b></p>
<p><b>RED: FIRST PRIORITY</b></p> <p>A patient who is intubated for airway protection without organ failure is designated as RED. Once assigned a ventilator, RED patients keep the ventilator as long as they remain RED.</p>	<p><b>NO VENTILATOR ALLOCATED, or healthy enough for extubation.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No organ insufficiency</li> </ul>
<p><b>YELLOW: SECOND PRIORITY</b></p> <p><b>YELLOW</b> patients are allowed a <b>fair trial of intubation</b>, until the first assessment at 120 hours. Once assigned a ventilator, they keep it until the next assessment. But after each assessment, any patient designated <b>YELLOW</b> can be displaced by a new <b>RED</b> patient during the first 12 hours after their assessment. After that point, they will remain on the ventilator until their next formal assessment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOFA 0-7, BECOMES Red</li> <li>SOFA 8-11 REMAINS Yellow</li> <li>SOFA 12-24 BECOMES Blue</li> </ul>
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<p><b>RED: FIRST PRIORITY</b></p> <p>A patient who is intubated for airway protection <u>without</u> organ failure is designated as RED. Once assigned a ventilator, RED patients keep the ventilator as long as they remain RED.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If significant improvement (<math>\geq 1</math> SOFA points), remains RED.</li> <li>If no significant improvement and <math>SOFA \leq 7</math> then downgraded to YELLOW, loses ventilator if RED IS waiting</li> <li>If worsens and <math>SOFA \geq 8</math>, then downgraded to BLUE, loses ventilator if RED or YELLOW waiting.</li> <li>See Note 4</li> </ul>
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<p><b>NO VENT NEEDED</b></p>	<p><b>NO VENTILATOR ALLOCATED, or healthy enough for extubation.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No organ insufficiency</li> </ul>
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# Notes

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2. YELLOW patients are allowed a fair trial of intubation, until the first assessment at 120 hours. Once assigned a ventilator, they keep it until the next assessment. But after each assessment, any patient designated YELLOW can be displaced by a new RED patient during the first 12 hours after their assessment. After that point, they will remain on the ventilator until their next formal assessment.
3. BLUE patients may receive ventilators if they are available. However, they are always subject to reallocation. Any new RED or YELLOW patient needing a ventilator takes priority.
4. Some patients may advance to SOFA = 0, but still require ventilation. Once patients have reached SOFA=0, they may remain on the ventilator through the next assessment cycle to see if they can be weaned. If they can still not be weaned after two cycles at SOFA = 0, then they are downgraded to YELLOW.
5. YELLOW patients who require a ventilator cannot take a ventilator from another YELLOW patient on a ventilator. If there are no BLUE patients and only YELLOW and RED patients on a ventilator, the patient waiting for a ventilator cannot be allocated one, and will need to be supported until either a new ventilator becomes available or the next assessment point.