

Croup Algorithm: Urgent Care

****Discharge Criteria:**

- Comfortable respirations without suprasternal retractions when calm and afebrile
- Able to tolerate po without increase in respiratory difficulty
- Family comfortable with care
- Discharge order can be entered at same time as dexamethasone if no stridor at rest and no suprasternal retractions on initial assessment

**If less than 3 months, consider alternative diagnosis. May follow pathway if clinical concern for croup.*

Consider foreign body aspiration if presentation does not fit infectious croup.

Patient ≥3 months, presents with barky cough, noisy breathing, hoarse voice, stridor, or other complaint suggestive of croup

