

### **Criteria for admission of children to a regional hospital ICU or a paediatric ward HDU**

- Infants with acute viral bronchiolitis, needing humidified high flow or bubble-CPAP who are too sick for the paediatric ward. These will be the majority of the patients. Follow the Respiratory Distress Score, escalate if RDS>12.
- Asthma needing more bronchodilators than the general paediatric wards can manage
- Croup
- Adolescent patients with other conditions that can be managed in an adult ICU (such as overdose)
- Seizures
- Suspected sepsis with the rapid ICU admission criteria: also discuss with RCH PICU / PETS urgently
- Acute respiratory infection exacerbations in children with chronic neuromuscular / neurological conditions. Many such patients could be managed with non-invasive respiratory support in a regional hospital ICU. Important that the child's paediatrician is involved, and escalation plans or advanced directives discussed.
- Back-transfers from RCH PICU when children are stable.