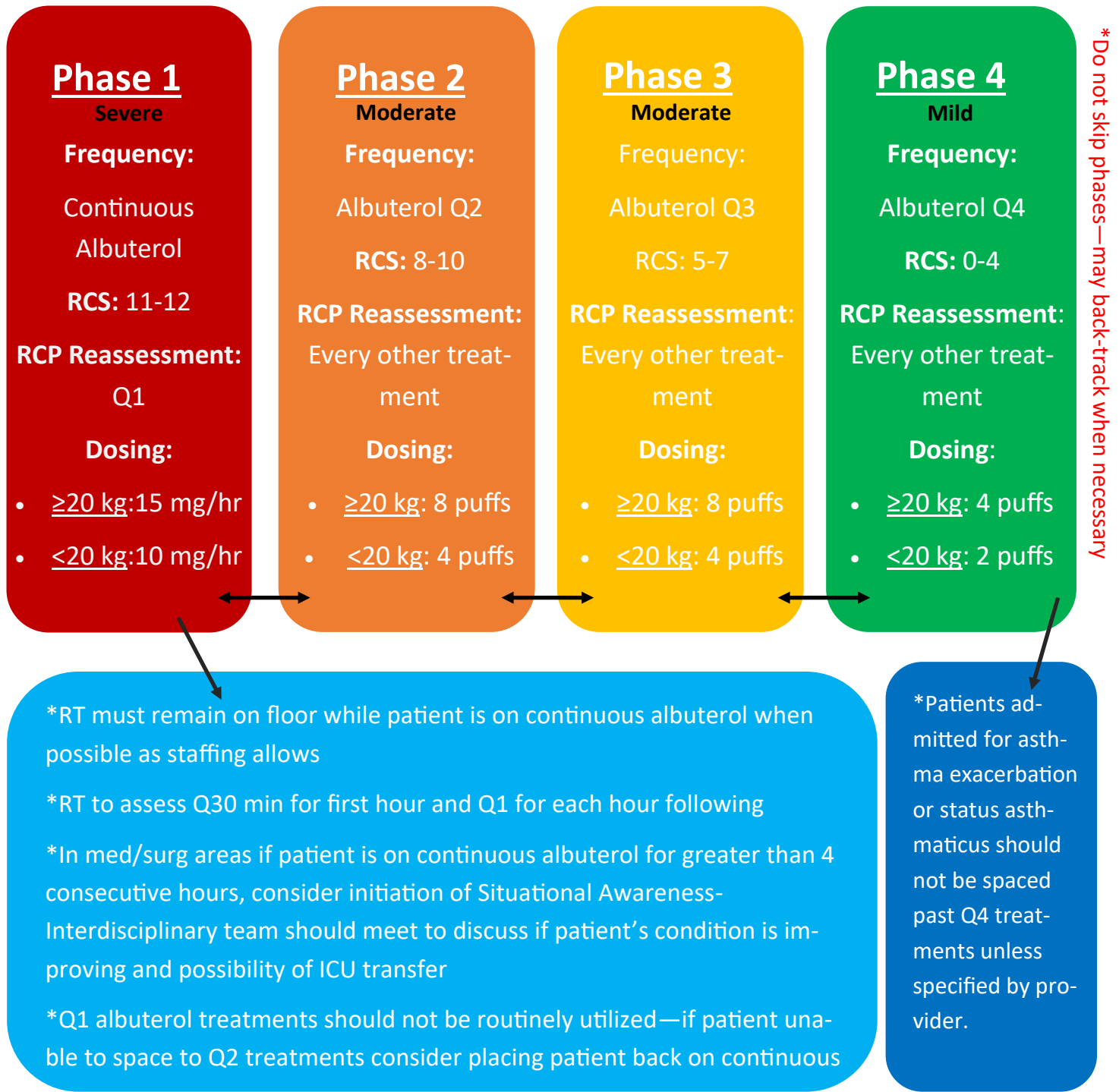


Children's Mercy Hospital Inpatient Bronchodilator Weaning Protocol

The intended use of this protocol is for pediatric patients being admitted to the hospital with primary diagnosis of asthma exacerbation or status asthmaticus. Respiratory therapists will utilize the Respiratory Care Plan (RCP) to assign patients a score based on factors such as pulmonary history, respiratory rate, work of breathing, wheezing, oxygen requirements, etc. Respiratory therapists will utilize this score to guide therapy and assess for weaning. Providers and clinicians should exercise best clinical judgement when weaning patients.



*RCS (Respiratory Care Score) ranges are used as a guideline for treatment frequency. Regardless of RCS, patients who have received continuous albuterol in ED, from transport, or outlying facility will continue to receive albuterol treatments Q2 for the first 4 hours off continuous albuterol, then may be reassessed for spacing.

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