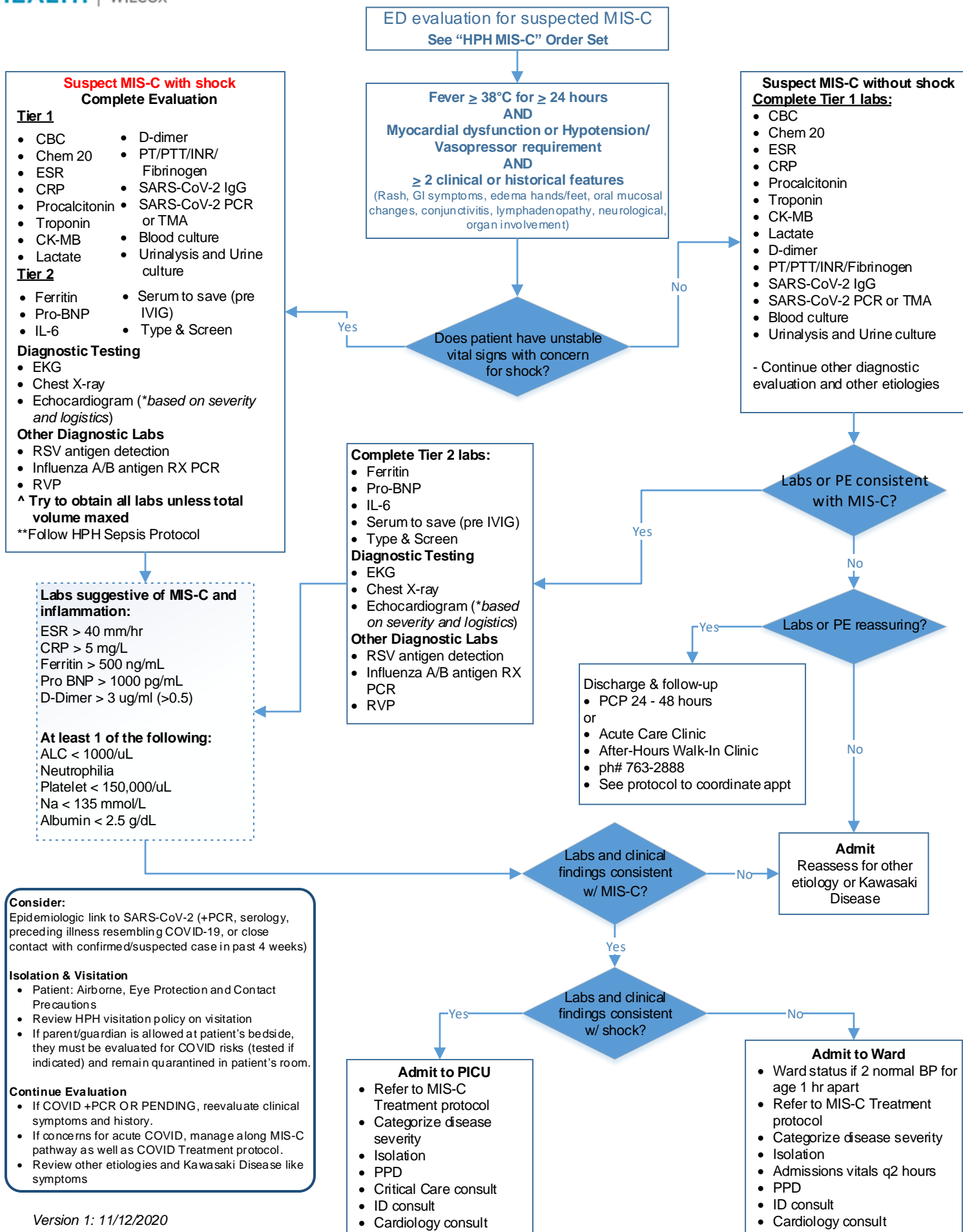
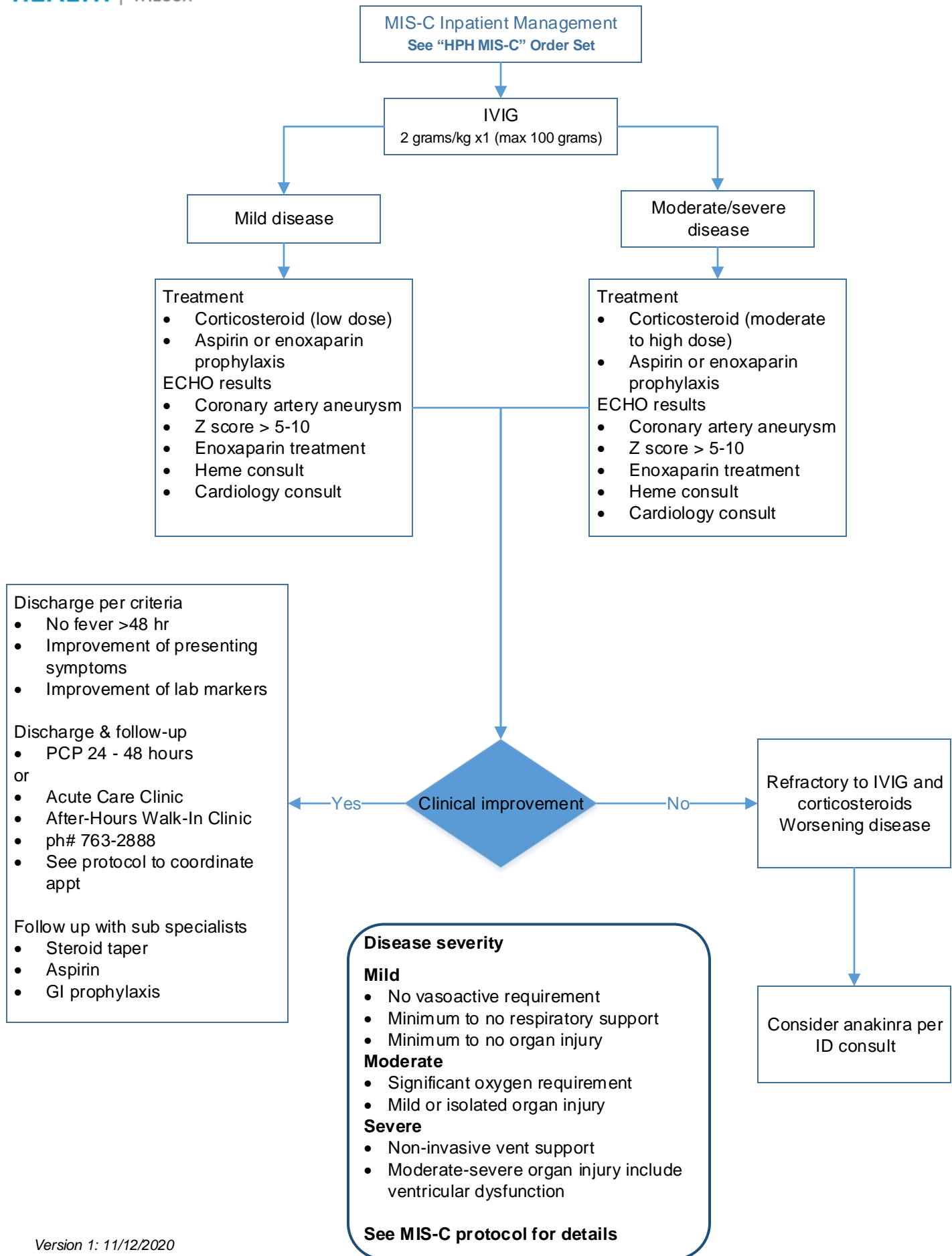


# Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) Associated COVID-19 Evaluation Protocol



# Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) Associated COVID-19 Treatment Algorithm



**Hawai'i Pacific Health Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children**  
**Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)**  
**Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

**CDC MIS-C Case Definition:**

As described in the Health Advisory 5/14/2020

**Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

Patient presents with ALL:

- Age <21 years with:
  - Fever:  $\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$  for  $\geq 24$  hours, or report of subjective fever lasting  $\geq 24$  hours
  - Laboratory evidence of inflammation: 1 or more of the following:

Increased			Decreased
CRP	LDH	VBG w/ Lactate	Lymphocytes
ESR	IL-6	LDH	Albumin
Ferritin	Neutrophils	D-Dimer	
Procalcitonin	Troponin		

- Evidence of clinically severe illness requiring hospitalization with multisystem (>2) organ involvement [cardiac, renal, respiratory, hematologic, gastrointestinal, dermatologic or neurologic]
- No alternative plausible diagnoses
- Positive for current or recent COVID-19 infection or COVID-19 exposure within the 4 weeks prior to the onset of symptoms

Some individuals may fulfill full or partial criteria for Kawasaki Disease but should be reported if they meet the case definition for MIS-C. Consider MIS-C in any pediatric death with evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection.

**CDC Clinical Manifestations may include:**

- Vasodilatory shock with normal or mildly depressed systolic function
- Cardiogenic shock with > moderate systolic dysfunction
- Kawasaki Disease features – can be complete or incomplete KD
- Clinical and laboratory features of cytokine storm
- Coronary artery dilation and aneurysms (up to 25% of children and teens with MIS-C)
- Any combination above

**Links:**

- <https://www.cdc.gov/mis-c/hcp/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/mis-c/pdfs/hcp/MIS-Children-Handout-FINAL.pdf>

**American College of Rheumatology Differences between KD and MIS-C:**

- Ethnic/racial differences (lower incidence in those of East Asian descent)
- MIS-C patients encompass a broader age range, generally older
- MIS-C patients have more prominent GI, neuro symptoms
- MIS-C patients present more frequently with shock, cardiac dysfunction
- MIS-C patients lower platelet counts, absolute lymphocyte counts, and higher CRP

**Diagnostic SARS-CoV-2 Testing:** (see HPH Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) order set)

- SARS-CoV-2 detection by RT-PCR or antigen test
- SARS-CoV-2 serology testing is suggested, even in the presence of positive RT-PCR or antigen testing.
  - Any serology testing should be performed prior to administering IVIG or any other exogenous antibody treatments.

**Tier 1 Initial and Monitoring Labs:**

- Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Chem 20 (ordered as CMP, Phos, Uric acid, GGTP, Cholesterol, Triglyceride, LDH),
- Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate (ESR)
- C-Reactive Protein (CRP)
- Procalcitonin
- Troponin
- CKMB
- Lactate
- D-dimer
- PT/PTT/INR, Fibrinogen
- SARS-CoV-2 IgG
- SARS-CoV-2 PCR or TMA nasopharyngeal
- Blood culture
- UA with Urine culture
- Testing aimed at identifying laboratory evidence of inflammation as listed in the Case Definition section is warranted.
- Testing to evaluate multisystem involvement should be directed by patient signs or symptoms.
- Testing as indicated to evaluate for other potential diagnoses should be directed by patient signs or symptoms.

**Tier 2 and Monitoring Labs:**

- Ferritin
- Pro B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP)
- IL-6
- KSAVE (serum to save prior to IVIG)
- Type and screen
- Vancomycin trough prior to 4<sup>th</sup> dose

**Diagnostic Testing**

- Echocardiogram baseline and follow up as needed (\*based on severity of shock and logistics)
- Electrocardiogram
- Chest X-ray
- Cardiac MRI if needed and in follow up at 2-6 months if LVEF <50%

**Other Diagnostic Labs (consider as needed):**

- RSV antigen detection
- Influenza A/B antigen with reflex PCR
- Respiratory Viral Panel

**Lab Monitoring during Hospitalization:**

- CBC daily
- Chem 20 daily
- CRP daily
- Procalcitonin daily
- Troponin daily
- CKMB daily
- Lactate daily
- D-dimer daily
- PT/PTT/INR, Fibrinogen daily
- Ferritin daily
- Pro BNP daily
- IL-6 weekly
- Daily laboratory values are followed frequently to monitor the hyper inflammation while patients have evidence of shock and/or fever and/or persistence of symptoms (e.g., rash, conjunctivitis, diarrhea, etc).
- Daily labs can be discontinued when clinical symptoms have substantially improved, and laboratory markers are improving (but do not have to be normal) – these decisions should be individualized and considered with the primary team and multidisciplinary consultants.
- Schedule should be reassessed daily and de-escalated as clinically indicated

**Table 1. MIS-C Classification of Severity – see appendix 1**

<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Description</b>
Mild	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No vasoactive requirement</li><li>• Minimal/no respiratory support</li><li>• Minimal/no organ injury</li></ul>
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Significant supplemental oxygen requirement</li><li>• Mild or isolated organ injury</li></ul>
Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-invasive ventilator support</li><li>• Moderate or severe organ injury including moderate to severe ventricular dysfunction</li></ul>

**Infection Control Isolation Precautions:**

- Airborne isolation
- Contact isolation
- Eye protection isolation

**Treatment:**

There are currently no known optimal or published CDC guidelines or recommendations for the treatment of MIS-C. A stepwise progression of immunomodulatory therapies should be used to treat MIS-C with IVIG and/or glucocorticoids considered as first tier treatments.

See references/appendix for institutional protocols or publications.

Treatments have consisted primarily of supportive care and directed care against the underlying inflammatory process.

**Supportive care measures:**

- Fluid resuscitation
- Inotropic support
- Respiratory support and
- In rare cases, extracorporeal membranous oxygenation (ECMO)

**Antimicrobial Treatment:**

Antibiotics are recommended to treat potential sepsis while awaiting bacterial cultures. Refer to Sepsis guidelines.

**Table 2. MIS-C Drug Treatment by Clinical Severity – see appendix 1**

Treatment	Mild	Moderate	Severe
IVIG	Yes	Yes	Yes
Corticosteroids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methylprednisolone</li> <li>• Prednisone</li> </ul>	Yes (low dose)	Yes (moderate dose)	Yes (high dose)
Anticoagulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aspirin</li> <li>• Enoxaparin</li> </ul>	Aspirin (low dose) or enoxaparin (prophylaxis dose)	Aspirin (low dose) or enoxaparin (prophylaxis dose)	Aspirin (low dose) or enoxaparin (prophylaxis dose)
	Enoxaparin (treatment dose) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Z scores 5-10</li> </ul> Consider based on absolute size <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hematology and Cardiac Consultation</li> </ul>	Enoxaparin (treatment dose) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Z scores &gt;5-10</li> </ul> Consider based on absolute size <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hematology and Cardiac Consultation</li> </ul>	Enoxaparin (treatment dose) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Z scores &gt; 5-10</li> </ul> Consider based on absolute size <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hematology and Cardiac Consultation</li> </ul>
Other Immunomodulators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anakinra</li> <li>• Tocilizumab</li> </ul>	No	Consider for disease refractory to IVIG and corticosteroids or worsening disease with multidisciplinary consultation	Consider for disease refractory to IVIG and corticosteroids or worsening disease with multidisciplinary consultation

**Table 3. MIS-C Drug Treatment**

Agent	Dose	Main Toxicities	Notes
IVIG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 g/kg IV x 1 dose (max dose 100 g)</li> <li>• Round to nearest vial size if within 10% of ordered dose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infusion reactions</li> <li>• Anaphylaxis</li> <li>• Transaminitis</li> <li>• Aseptic meningitis</li> <li>• Hemolysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IVIG infusion rate per KD protocol</li> <li>• Assess cardiac function and fluid status in patients with shock before administration</li> <li>• For patients that cannot tolerate volume load, dose can be divided over 2 days</li> </ul>
Methylprednisolone Prednisone	<p><u>Low dose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 mg/kg/day (max 60 mg per day) IV divided q12h x 10 days, then</li> <li>• 1 mg/kg/day IV x 5 days, then</li> <li>• 0.5 mg/kg/day IV x 5 days</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderate dose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 mg/kg/day IV x 1 day (max 500 mg per day), then</li> <li>• 2 mg/kg/day IV divided q12h</li> </ul> <p><u>High dose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 mg/kg/day IV x 3 days (max 1000 mg per day), then</li> <li>• 2 mg/kg/day IV q12h</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hypertension</li> <li>• Hyperglycemia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can consider equivalent oral dose if indicated</li> </ul>
Aspirin	<p><u>Low dose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt; 10 kg: 40.5 mg daily</li> <li>• ≥ 10 kg: 81 mg daily</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid platelets ≤ 80,000</li> </ul>
Enoxaparin	<p><u>Prophylaxis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt; 2 months: 0.75 mg/kg/dose q12h</li> <li>• ≥ 2 months: 0.5 mg/kg/dose q12h</li> </ul> <p><u>Treatment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt; 2 months: 1.5 mg/kg/dose q12h</li> <li>• ≥ 2 months: 1 mg/kg/dose q12h</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider Hematology screening prior to start</li> <li>• Consider for patients with coagulopathy</li> <li>• Treatment – target anti-Xa level 0.5-1</li> <li>• Z scores &gt;10</li> <li>• Z scores 5-10 – consider based on absolute size</li> </ul>

**Table 4. Refractory MIS-C Drug Treatment (with Multidisciplinary Team input)**

<p>Anakinra** (IL-1 receptor antagonist)</p> <p><b>(ID Consult)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 mg/kg/dose SQ divided q12h (max single dose 100 mg)</li> <li>• Can increase to q8h if clinically needed</li> </ul> <p>**Dose based on Boston's Children protocol</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased LFTs</li> <li>• Hematologic suppression</li> <li>• Increased risk of infection</li> <li>• Hypersensitivity reactions</li> <li>• Malignancies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short half-life: SQ: ~4-6 hours IV: ~2 hours</li> <li>• Established use and safety profile</li> <li>• Dose adjustment for mod-severe renal impairment</li> <li>• IV route can be considered if higher plasma conc needed</li> <li>• IV over 5 minutes</li> <li>• Avoid live viral vaccines</li> </ul>
<p>Tocilizumab** (IL-6 receptor antagonist)</p> <p><b>(ID Consult)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt; 30 kg: 12 mg/kg IV x 1</li> <li>• ≥ 30 kg: 8 mg/kg IV x 1 (max 800 mg)</li> <li>• Round to nearest vial size if within 10% of ordered dose</li> <li>• Consider additional dose 12 hours later if continued clinical decompensation (Max 2 doses)</li> </ul> <p>**Dose based on Boston's Children protocol and extrapolated from use in CAR T cell or blinatumomab therapy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gastrointestinal perforation</li> <li>• Hypertriglyceridemia</li> <li>• Pancreatitis</li> <li>• Hepatitis</li> <li>• Neutropenia</li> <li>• Thrombocytopenia</li> <li>• Anemia</li> <li>• Increased risk of infection</li> <li>• Anaphylaxis</li> <li>• Infusion reaction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long half-life: ~2 weeks</li> <li>• Avoid live viral vaccines</li> <li>• Increased IL-6 levels can inhibit P450 enzymes</li> </ul>



**Discharge Criteria, Instructions and Follow-up Plan:**

Discharge criteria will vary depending on the clinical scenario and severity of presenting illness, but generally include lack of fever for 48 hours without antipyretics (excluding steroids), improvement in the presenting clinical symptoms (e.g., diarrhea, rash, etc) and/or improvement in lab markers. Criteria for discharge should be discussed with subspecialist services seeing the patient in follow up.

Discharged patients should follow-up with their PCP within 24-48 hours. If the PCP is not seeing COVID+ and/or MIS-C patients, a follow-up visit can be scheduled with the Pediatric Acute Care Clinic or the After-Hours Walk-In Clinic located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Multi-Disciplinary Clinic and Pediatric Outpatient Clinic on the first floor of the shared services building, respectively. Please call 763-2888 to schedule these patients and notify the staff that the patient is a COVID+ and/or MIS-C patient requiring follow-up. The staff will also ask for a family contact number, as they will direct them where to park and will request details about their vehicle. These patients will be met outside by security and will be escorted to either clinic to minimize exposure of other patients and families. Ideally, please also send an in-basket message to the WC After Hours Walk-In Clinic Pool to notify the team that the patient needs to be seen, what they have been diagnosed with (COVID+ versus MIS-C) and any specific labs or exam findings that you would like the provider to look out for. Labs can be obtained in the clinic.

**Clinic Follow-Up Summary**

- Call 763-2888 to schedule an appointment. Provide family contact number to clinic.
- Please send an in-basket message to the WC After-Hours Walk-in Clinic Pool to notify the team that the patient needs to be seen and provide pertinent information.
- Pediatric Acute Care Clinic Hours
  - Monday – Friday 13:30 to 17:00
- Pediatric After-Hours Walk-In Clinic Hours
  - Monday – Friday 17:00 to 20:00
  - Saturday – Sunday 12:00 to 19:00

**Follow-up Echocardiogram and EKG:**

Schedule depending on severity of initial dysfunction, presence of coronary artery dilation, and clinical course, in discussion with cardiology.

- Baseline
- Prior to discharge
- 1 week
- 4 weeks
- 6-8 weeks
- 3-6 months
- 6-9 months
- 12 months and beyond

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## Appendix:

CLASSIFICATION OF CLINICAL SEVERITY				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mild:</b> No vasoactive requirement, minimal/no respiratory support, minimal organ injury</li> <li><b>Moderate:</b> Vasoactive-inotropic score** (VIS) ≤ 10, significant supplemental oxygen requirement, mild or isolated organ injury</li> <li><b>Severe:</b> Vasoactive-inotropic score &gt; 10, non-invasive or invasive ventilatory support, moderate or severe organ injury including moderate to severe ventricular dysfunction</li> </ul>				
**See supplement for instructions on VIS calculation				
MANAGEMENT BY CLINICAL SEVERITY				
Therapeutic Category	Mild	Moderate	Severe	
Steroid Initial Dosing For 2mg/kg/day dosing: max 60mg/day For pulse dosing: max 1g/day	Methylprednisolone 2mg/kg/day	Methylprednisolone 10mg/kg x1, then 2mg/kg/day	Methylprednisolone 20-30mg/kg/day for 1-3 days, then 2mg/kg/day	
Other Immunomodulation (see "Other Management Considerations" below for specific guidance) For Anakinra dosing: 2-10mg/kg/dose (max 100mg/dose) up to q6h frequency	Consider pulse Methylprednisolone or Anakinra if refractory illness course	Consider 1-3 days pulse Methylprednisolone, consider Anakinra if refractory to steroids	Consider Anakinra if refractory to steroids, consider other biologics if refractory to Anakinra	
Anticoagulation - monitor for bleeding, thrombocytopenia, coagulopathy LMWH = low molecular-weight heparin ASA = aspirin	LMWH prophylaxis or low-dose ASA	LMWH prophylaxis or low-dose ASA	LMWH prophylaxis or low-dose ASA	
GI prophylaxis with proton pump inhibitor	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Broad-spectrum antibiotics (see "Other Management Considerations" below for specific guidance)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Steroid Taper	2-3 weeks	6-8 weeks	Steroid taper with subspecialty consultation	

<sup>1</sup> Treatment may be deferred (if cardiac evaluation is normal) with close clinical observation and serial trending of inflammatory and cardiac biomarkers

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### A. LABORATORY EVALUATION AND SUBSPECIALTY CONSULTATION

Table 1. Recommendations for Laboratory Evaluation and Subspecialty Consultation

Disease Category	Respiratory Status	Concern for MIS-C (see Section C for definition)	Diagnostic Evaluation (pre-consultation)	Subspecialty Consultation
Mild	No dyspnea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fever <i>and</i></li> <li>GI symptoms <i>and</i></li> <li>Kawasaki disease features (rash, conjunctivitis, extremity changes, mucositis, lymphadenopathy) <i>and</i></li> <li>Epidemiologic link to SARS CoV-2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SARS-CoV-2 PCR and/or serologies</li> <li>Consider CBC with differential, BUN, creatinine, LFTs, ESR, CRP</li> <li>Consider chest x-ray</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult Rheumatology if concern for MIS-C</li> <li>Supportive care; no antiviral or immunomodulatory treatment recommended</li> </ul>
Moderate	Dyspnea and/or chest imaging consistent with COVID-19, but no change from pre-illness baseline respiratory support requirement	Same as mild cases <i>plus</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Myocardial dysfunction (without need for vasopressors)</li> <li>Significant abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea</li> <li>Neurologic features (severe headache, meningismus, focal neurologic deficits, mental status changes)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SARS-CoV-2 PCR and/or serologies</li> <li>CBC with differential, BUN, creatinine, LFTs, LDH, ESR, CRP, PT &amp; PTT, D-dimer, procalcitonin, ferritin<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Troponin and BNP</li> <li>If available, cytokine panel<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Chest x-ray for respiratory symptoms</li> <li>EKG</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult Immunology and Infectious Diseases (ID) for all cases</li> <li>Consult Rheumatology if concern for MIS-C or Cytokine Storm</li> <li>Consult Cardiology if concern for MIS-C</li> </ul>
Severe	Dyspnea and/or chest imaging consistent with COVID-19, with new or increased supplemental O <sub>2</sub> and/or non-invasive ventilatory support requirement	Same as for moderate cases	Same as for moderate cases	Consult Immunology, ID, Rheumatology, and Cardiology for all cases
Critical	Respiratory failure requiring mechanical ventilation +/- acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Myocardial dysfunction and/or low-output heart failure requiring vasopressor support or ECMO</li> <li>Systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS)</li> <li>Multi-organ failure</li> <li>Encephalopathy</li> </ul>	Same as for moderate cases	Same as for severe cases

<sup>1</sup>At BCH, order these studies using the COVID-19 Immunology Panel Plan [found within the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Evaluation Plan].