



Please consider the criteria below to help in your assessment of bronchiolitis symptoms and consideration of referral for a Direct Admission or to the Emergency Department. These guidelines mirror what will be used by the Admission & Transfer Center.

A patient with presumed bronchiolitis is eligible for **direct admission** to Hospital Medicine if:

- $\geq 2$  months of age
- Gestational age  $> 34$  weeks; N/A if  $>12$  months of age
- No underlying cardiopulmonary disease or complex medical disease, aside from BPD/chronic lung disease of prematurity (if no baseline oxygen requirement)
- No signs of altered mental status, toxic appearance, apneic episodes, or severe respiratory distress (such as head bobbing, nasal flaring, grunting, or severe retractions)
- No signs of moderate to severe dehydration
- RR  $< 60$
- Stable (with sats  $\geq 90\%$ ) on room air or supplemental oxygen  $\leq 2L$  nasal cannula. Will need EMS transport if needing supplemental oxygen.

If patients fall outside these criteria, please consider a referral to the Emergency Department, or call the Admission and Transfer Center to discuss in more detail. Both services can be reached by calling (513) 636-9337.