COVID-19 Clinical Rounds:
Updates from Massachusetts General Hospital

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Timing of / Indications for Intubation
Self-pronning in the ED

- Moderate hypoxemia, SpO2 < 95% on supplemental O2 or < 90% with exertion
- Tachypnea or mild-moderate dyspnea with supplemental O2
- Rescue therapy

Contraindications:
- Delirium, confusion, or inability to follow staff instructions when given proper interpretive services
- Inability to independently change position
- Recent nausea or vomiting
- Hemodynamic lability, including but not limited to, heart rate > 120 or MAP < 65
- Need for immediate intubation
Palliative Care in the ED

• Available 7am – 6pm
  • Working on 24/7 coverage as needed

• Since March 23
  • 40-50 consults

• Goals of care
  • In-depth family conversations
  • Improved symptom management