

Guidelines for Clinicians in Absence of SARS Worldwide

Please consider SARS when evaluating a patient that meets the following criteria:

1 Is hospitalized with:

- Pneumonia on CXR; *or*
- ARDS of infectious origin

AND

2 A risk factor for SARS-CoV:

- Travel within 10 days of illness onset to China, Hong Kong, or Taiwan; *or*
- Close contact with a person with respiratory illness who has traveled in the past 10 days to these areas; *or*
- A healthcare worker

OR

3 A cluster of hospitalized patients with unexplained pneumonia who have close contact (e.g., home, work, social contacts, etc.)

Infection Control Precautions to be Taken when Evaluating a Patient for SARS

- Place a surgical mask on the patient immediately & place patient in an isolation room
- Implement **droplet** infection control precautions
- PPE: **Surgical masks; goggles or face shields** (for high risk procedures such as bronchoscopy, intubation, nebulized therapy and tracheal suction); & **gown & gloves**
- Limit personnel entering patient room
- Scrupulous hand hygiene
- Notify Infection Control practitioner on call

Notify the Bureau of Communicable Disease:

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