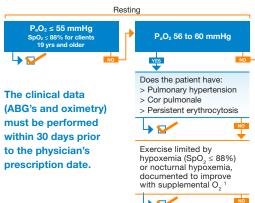




VitolAire ONTARIO Home Oxygen Funding Algorithm (subject to change)



¹ Formal sleep study report to rule out Sleep Disordered Breathing

Contact VitalAire

Exercise $P_aO_2 > 60$ mmHa Resting Oximetry Acceptable (IEA) 2,3 SpO₂ < 80% with exertion on room air (R/A) SpO₂ ≤ 88% with exertion on R/A in < 5 minutes Stop test, take Borg measurement YES and apply O₂ Exertion with O₂, minimum of 2 minutes longer, Borg measurement improved one unit 4 SpO₂ ≤ 88% with exertion on R/A in > 5 minutes Stop test, take YES Borg measurement and apply O₂ Exertion with O2 at least 25% longer in time. Borg measurement improved one unit 4

Other Funding **Contact VitalAire**

Physician has prescribed Home Oxygen Therapy

YES

In addition to provincial funding. VitalAire has expertise in accessing private insurance and other government programs 5

Palliative **Palliative**

> Automatic approval for HOP funding for 90 days

- > No ABG's required
- > The diagnosis must be specific to terminal condition
- > At 90 days, the patient is seen for renewal and assessed under the chronic funding guidelines
- > This is a one time use program only

To Start Home Oxygen Therapy Phone **1-800-567-0202** Fax 1-866-233-9926



Criteria based on the HOP Guidelines, April 1, 2017 Subject to change,

² Independent Exercise Assessment (IEA) - Single blind air vs. oxygen study - must be reviewed by an Internist or Respirologist

³ An IEA may be required at the 12 month renewal and must be done at an Independent facility

⁴ The Borg measurement must be made at the end exercise point of shortest test

Medical Eligibility criteria change – For exertional hypoxemia

Changes are effective now!

Qualification for Exertional O2 is now based on time and not distance

Recent studies show that patients who have RA at rest SpO2 >90% do not get any medical benefit from the use of O2 on exertion. The benefits are in the patient's ability to participate in daily activities for longer periods

IEA is not required for the 9 month funding period anymore

The hospital RT/PFT technician who has performed the IEA is no longer required to sign the HOP application.

Application can be signed by an RT employed by VitalAire (section 4 – regulated Health Professional Signature) if the RT performed the oximetry test on RA.