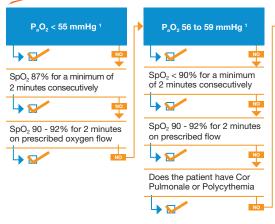
Vital Aire SASKATCHEWAN Home Oxygen Funding Algorithm (subject to change)



- 1 Testing for this criteria must be completed within 48 hours of discharge from hospital or during an outpatient visit
- ² Criteria require that the patient has NOT been hospitalized for the past 30 days. ³ Benefits within this section may also be considered on an exceptional basis when prescribed by a Respirologist.
- 4 If Sleep Apnea is suspected, referral to Respirologist may be warranted.
- ⁵ Funding agencies for clients such as First Nations or Veterans fall under other criteria which may be similar to those listed above. They may also work in combination with the listed, contact your local VitalAire office.

Not listed here are criteria for pediatric patients. The need for oxygen must be assessed and prescribed by a pediatrician or neonatologist.

$P_aO_a > 60$ mmHg

Exertional 2 - On exertion.

at onset of symptoms, does the patient desaturate < 87% for 20 seconds



Can the patient walk 20% and maintain SpO₂ 90 - 92% on prescribed oxygen flow



OR

Nocturnal 2, 3, 4 - Does the patient demonstrate nocturnal hypoxemia? SpO₂ < 87% for more than 30% of the night



Repeat test on second night on prescribed oxygen should show significant improvement

Contact VitalAire

Physician has prescribed Home Oxvgen Therapy

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

Palliative

Eligibility determined by Regional Health Authority Palliative Care Assessor



No testing required

To Start Home Oxygen Therapy Phone Regina 1-800-567-0071 or Saskatoon 1-800-461-0096

