

Influenza

Influenza can be treated in the outpatient setting.
If the patient needs hospitalization, consider documenting diagnoses that will support **medical necessity**.

Acute Hypoxic Respiratory Failure

- Hypoxia *plus* respiratory distress

Sepsis

Hypoxia is a **SOFA** criterion for the diagnosis of Sepsis.

- PaO₂/FiO₂ ratio < 300 is two SOFA points and meets criteria for Sepsis if caused by infection.

Influenza *causing pneumonia* and/or a **COPD exacerbation** may also lead to hospitalization. Please document effectively!