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# CURB65 score for mortality risk assessment of community acquired pneumonia (CAP) when assessed in hospital setting

CURB65 score for mortality risk assessment in hospital

- CURB65 score is calculated by giving 1 point for each of the following prognostic features:
  - confusion (abbreviated Mental Test score 8 or less, or new disorientation in person, place or time)
  - raised blood urea nitrogen (over 7 mmol/litre)
  - raised respiratory rate (30 breaths per minute or more)
  - low blood pressure (diastolic 60 mmHg or less, or systolic less than 90 mmHg)
  - age 65 years or more

Patients are stratified for risk of death as follows:

- 0 or 1: low risk (less than 3% mortality risk)
- 2: intermediate risk (3-15% mortality risk)
- 3 to 5: high risk (more than 15% mortality risk)

**Use clinical judgement in conjunction with the CURB65 score to guide the management of community-acquired pneumonia, as follows:**

- consider home-based care for patients with a CURB65 score of 0 or 1
- consider hospital-based care for patients with a CURB65 score of 2 or more
- consider intensive care assessment for patients with a CURB65 score of 3 or more

Reference:

- 1) [NICE \(December 2014\).Pneumonia- Diagnosis and management of community- and hospital-acquired pneumonia in adults](#)

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