

CURB-65 Pneumonia Severity Score (CURB-65)

Category: Pulmonology, Emergency | Items: 5 | Time: ~1-2 min

Description / When to Use

30-day mortality in community-acquired pneumonia

Instructions for Respondent

Please read each statement carefully and respond based on how you have felt over the specified time period. There are 5 items in this scale. Estimated completion time: 1-2 min.

Scale Items

1. Confusion (new disorientation) (1 point)
2. BUN > 19 mg/dL (urea > 7 mmol/L) (1 point)
3. RR >= 30/min (1 point)
4. SBP < 90 mmHg or DBP <= 60 mmHg (1 point)
5. Age >= 65 (1 point)

Response Options

Yes / No (scored as indicated per item)

Scoring Guide

Weighted sum of all 5 items. Total range 0-5.

Cutoff Interpretation

Score Range	Severity	Recommended Action
0-1	Low risk	Outpatient management.
2-2	Moderate risk	Consider short hospital stay or close outpatient supervision.
3-5	Severe	Hospitalize; consider ICU at 4-5.

Psychometric Properties

See original validation study for reliability and validity data.

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