

CURB-65 and CRB-65 Severity Scores for Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP)

Clinical factor	Points
Confusion	1
Blood urea nitrogen > 19 mg per dL	1
Respiratory rate \geq 30 breaths per minute	1
Systolic blood pressure < 90 mm Hg or Diastolic blood pressure \leq 60 mm Hg	1
Age \geq 65 years	1
Total points:	

CURB-65 score	Mortality (%)	Recommendation
0	0.6	Low risk; consider home treatment
1	2.7	
2	6.8	Short inpatient hospitalization or closely supervised outpatient treatment
3	14.0	Severe pneumonia; hospitalize and consider admitting to intensive care
4 or 5	27.8	

CRB-65 score	Mortality (%)	Recommendation
0	0.9	Very low risk of death; usually does not require hospitalization
1	5.2	Increased risk of death; consider hospitalization
2	12.0	
3 or 4	31.2	High risk of death; urgent hospitalization

CURB-65 = Confusion, Urea nitrogen, Respiratory rate, Blood pressure, 65 years of age and older.

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