

****The criteria provided below is representative of what is commonly accepted by certain payers and is not all inclusive, nor is it a guarantee a particular code will be supported by a payer.**

Acute Respiratory Audit Criteria	Findings	Documentation Source (i.e., H&P, Consult)
PaO2 decrease > 10mmHg		
PaO2 <60 mmHg or SpO2 <91% on room air		
P/F ratio <300 on O2		
PaCO2 > 60 pH <7.35 PacO2 > 10 increase from baseline		
Symptoms/Signs		
Acute on Chronic Respiratory Failure (or with lung disease)		
PaO2 <60 mmHg or SpO2 <91% on usual O2 requirement		
PaCO2 >50 pH < 7.35		
PaCO2 increase >10 from baseline		
P/F ratio > 300		
Symptoms/Signs *		
Acute Postop Respiratory Failure		
Reintubated for acute pulmonary dysfunction		
P/F ratio <300 on O2		
PaCO2>50 mmHg + pH <7.35		
Unexpected duration of ventilation (>12-48 hours depending on procedure performed)		
Abnormal imaging findings (infiltrate, atelectasis, pulmonary congestion/edema)		
Generally Unsupportive Criteria		
Intubated for airway protection only		
Slow weaning from ventilator		
Routine vent support following procedure		
Respiratory insufficiency		

***RR>20 or <10, dyspnea, wheezing, labored breathing, accessory muscle use, retractions, nasal flaring, "tripod" positioning, cyanosis, confusion, or somnolence**