

PRAM Score

Score	0	1	2	3
Oxygen Saturation	At least 95 %	92-94%	Less than 92%	--
Air Entry	Normal	Decreased at Bases	Widespread Decrease	Absent/Minimal
Wheeze	Absent	Expiratory Only	Inspiratory & Expiratory	Audible Wheeze/Silent Chest
Suprasternal Retractions	Absent	--	Present	--
Scalene Contractions	Absent	--	Present	--

PRAM 0 - 3 Mild

PRAM 4 - 7 Moderate

PRAM 8 - 12 Severe

O2 Saturation - Measured with patient breathing ambient air until stabilization of the oximetry value for 1 minute. Turn off supplementary oxygen.

Suprasternal Retraction - Visible indrawing of the skin above the sternum and between the sternocleidomastoid muscle. This is a visual assessment.

Scalene Contraction - Cannot be seen, this is a palpable assessment. Occurs only in severe asthma exacerbations.

Air Entry - Use lung fields to grade air entry. Lung fields = two contiguous vertical auscultation zones of the major lobes. If asymmetrical, most severe lung field determines the scoring.

Wheezing - Use auscultation zones to grade wheeze. At least two auscultation zones must be affected. If asymmetrical, use two most severe zones.