

Table 1**Clinical assessment of acute asthma severity**

Moderate asthma	Acute severe asthma	Life-threatening asthma
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Peak flow > 50-75% best or predicted● SpO₂ ≥ 92%● Increasing symptoms● No features of acute severe asthma	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Peak flow 33-50% best or predicted● SpO₂ ≥ 92%● Respiration ≥ 25 per minute● Heart rate ≥ 110 beats per minute● Cannot complete a sentence in one breath	<p>Any one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Peak flow < 33% best or predicted● SpO₂ < 92%● Silent chest, cyanosis, poor respiratory effort● Arrhythmia, hypotension● Exhaustion, altered level of consciousness

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