

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19): Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C)



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In children, COVID-19 is usually mild.

in rare cases, children can be severely affected.

April of 2020, reports from the United Kingdom documented a presentation in children similar to incomplete Kawasaki disease (KD) or toxic shock syndrome.

in children (MIS-C; also referred to as pediatric multisystem inflammatory syndrome [PMIS], pediatric inflammatory multisystem syndrome temporally associated with SARS-CoV-2 [PIMS-TS], pediatric hyperinflammatory syndrome, or pediatric hyperinflammatory shock)

EPIDEMIOLOGY

incidence of MIS-C is uncertain, it appears to be a rare

. In one report, the estimated incidence of laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection in individuals <21 years old, was 322 per 100,000

the incidence of MIS-C was 2 per 100,000

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Most MIS-C cases have occurred in previously healthy>70 percent

Black and Hispanic

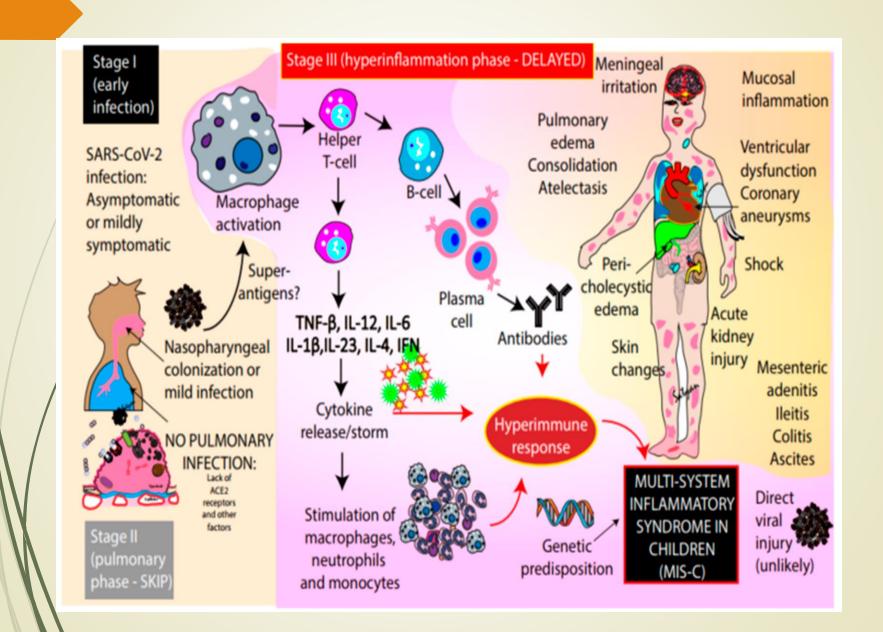
- . The median age was 8 to 11 years (range 1 to 20 years
- . a lag of several weeks between the peak of COVID-19 cases and the rise of MIS-C cases

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

60 percent had positive serology with negative PCR, 34 percent were positive on both tests, and 5 percent were negative on both tests.

abnormal inflammatory response or Immune dysregulation

A post-infectious process is suggested,



CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

Persistent fevers (median duration four to six days) – 100 percent

Gastrointestinal symptoms (abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea) – 60 to 100 percent

Rash – 45 to 76 percent

Conjunctivitis – 30 to 81 percent

Mucous membrane involvement – 27 to 76 percent

Neurocognitive symptoms (headache, lethargy, confusion) – 29 to 58 percent

Respiratory symptoms – 21 to 65 percent

Sore throat – 10 to 16 percent

Myalgia – 8 to 17 percent

Swollen hands/feet – 9 to 16 percent

Lymphadenopathy – 6 to 16 percent

Clinical finding:

Criteria met for complete Kawasaki disease (KD) 22 to 64 percent

- Myocardial dysfunction (by echocardiogram and/or elevated troponin or brain natriuretic peptide [BNP]) − 51/to 90 percent
- ●Shock 32 to 76 percent

Arrhythmia – 12 percent

- Acute respiratory failure requiring noninvasive or invasive ventilation 28 to 52 percent
- ◆Acute kidney injury (most cases were mild) 8 to 52 percent
- Serositis (small pleural, pericardial, and ascitic effusions) 24 to 57 percent
- Hepatitis or hepatomegaly 5 to 21 percent
- Encephalopathy, seizures, coma, or meningoencephalitis 6 to 7 percent

Symptoms of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)



Red or Pink Eyes (Conjunctivitis)

Loss of Appetite



Enlarged Gland (lymph node on one side of neck)

Fever Lasting Several Days (100.4F or more)

Red, Cracked Lips or Red Tongue (looks like a strawberry)



Skin Rash



Pain



Swollen Hands and Feet (may also be red)

Diarrhea and/or Vomiting



Irritability or Sluggishness

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Laboratory findings:

Abnormal blood cell counts, including:

Lymphocytopenia – 80 to 95 percent -

Neutrophilia – 68 to 90 percent -

Mild anemia – 70 percent

Thrombocytopenia – 31 to 80 percen

Laboratory findings:

Elevated inflammatory markers, including:

C-reactive protein (CRP) - 90 to 100 percent

- Erythrocyte sedimentation rate 75 to 80 percent
- •D-dimer 67 to 100 percent
- Fibrinogen 80 to 100 percent
- Ferritin 55 to 76 percent
- Procalcitonin 80 to 95 percent
- Interleukin-6 (IL-6) 80 to 100 percent

Laboratory findings:

Elevated cardiac markers:

- ◆Troponin 50 to 90 percent ►
- •BNP or N-terminal pro-BNP (NT-pro-BNP) 73 to 90 percent
- Hypoalbuminemia 48 to 95 percent
- Mildly elevated liver enzymes 62 to 70 percent
- Elevated lactate dehydrogenase 10 to 60 percent
- Hypertriglyceridemia 70 percent

Echocardiography

Depressed LV function

- Coronary artery (CA) abnormalities, including dilation or aneurysm
- Mitral valve regurgitation
- Pericardial effusion

Imaging finding

Chest radiograph – Many patients had normal chest radiographs. Abnormal findings included pleural effusions, patchy consolidations, focal consolidation, and atelectasis

Computed tomography (CT) of chest – Chest CT (when obtained) generally had findings similar to those on chest radiograph. A few patients had nodular ground-glass opacification.

mesenteric inflammation including terminal ileitis, mesenteric and denopathy/adenitis, and pericholecystic edema

EVALUATION

Mildsymptoms

CBC with differential

CRP

Serum electrolytes and renal function test

EVALUATION

moderate to severe symptoms:

- Complete blood count (CBC) with differential
- C-reactive protein (CRP) and erythrocyte sedimentation rate (optional: procalcitonin)
- Ferritin
- Lj\(\sigma\) er function tests and lactate dehydrogenase
- Serum electrolytes and renal function tests
- Urinalysis

Coagulation studies Troponin

Brain natriuretic peptide (BNP) or N-terminal pro-BNP (NT-pro-BNP)

Cytokine panel



Testing for other pathogens

- Blood culture
- Urine culture
- Throat culture
- •Stool culture
- Nasopharyngeal aspirate or throat swab for respiratory viral panel
- Fostein-Barr virus serology and PCR
- Cytomegalovirus serology and PCR
- Enterovirus PCR
- Adenovirus PCR

Spectrum of disease

the spectrum of COVID-19-associated disease ranges from mild to severe.

MIS-C without overlap with acute COVID-19 or Kawasaki disease (KD)

35 percent

Nearly all patients in this group had cardiovascular and gastrointestinal involvement

one-half had ≥4 additional organ systems involved. shock, cardiac dysfunction

markedly elevated C-reactive protein (CRP) and ferritin Nearly all patients in this group had positive SARS-CoV-2 serology (with or without positive polymerase chain reaction [PCR]).

Spectrum of disease

MIS-C overlapping with severe acute COVID-19

30 percent.

Many children in this group presented with respiratory involvement, including cough, shortness of breath, pneumonia, and acute respiratory distress syndrome.

positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR without seropositivity.

The mortality rate was higher in this subgroup compared with the other two subgroups (5.3 versus 0.5 and 0 percent, respectively

older than those with KD-like features and they more commonly have comorbidities.

Spectrum of disease

MIS-C overlapping with KD

35 percent of the cohort.

Children in this group were younger than the other two groups (median age 6 versus 9 and 10 years, respectively).

They more commonly had rash and mucocutaneous involvement and less commonly had shock or myocardial dysfunction.

Approximately two-thirds of patients in this group had positive SARS-CoV-2 serology with negative PCR, and one-third were positive on both tests.



Differentiating MIS-C and Kawasaki disease

MIS-C commonly affects older children and adolescents

- •In MIS-C, black and Hispanic children appear to be disproportionally affected and Asian children account for only a small number of cases.
- Gastrointestinal symptoms (particularly abdominal pain) are very common in MIS-C
- Myocardial dysfunction and shock occur more commonly in MIS-C compared with classic KD.
- Inflammatory markers (especially CRP, ferritin, and D-dimer) tend to be more elevated in MIS-C compared with classic KD and KDSS. In addition, absolute lymphocyte and platelet counts tend to be lower in MIS-C compared with KD
- •It is unclear if the risk of CA involvement in MIS-C is comparable with the risk in classic KD. Among patients with KD, those with KDSS more frequently have CA abnormalities and intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) resistance compared with those without shock. It is unclear if MIS-C is similar to KDSS in

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

Bacterial sepsis

Kawasaki

Toxic shock syndrome

Appendicitis

Other viral infections

Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)/macrophage activation syndrome (MAS)

Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)

Vasculitis



Abnormal vital signs (tachycardia, tachypnea

Shock

Respiratory distress

- Evidence of cardiac involvement (eg, elevated troponin or brain natriuretic peptide, depressed ventricular function or coronary artery [CA] abnormality on echocardiogram, abnormal electrocardiogram)
- Features of Kawasaki disease (KD)

Neurologic changes (eg, depressed mental status, abnormal neurologic examination, seizures)

- Severe abdominal pain or vomiting, especially if unable to tolerate oral feeding
- Clinical or laboratory evidence of dehydration
- Laboratory evidence of acute kidney injury, acute hepatic injury, or coagulopathy
- Underlying medical condition that may place the child at increased risk for complications (eg, immunodeficiency, cardiac or pulmonary conditions)

Inability to return for followup

Shock

Children presenting with shock should be resuscitated according to standard protocols

most children with MIS-C presented with vasodilatory shock that was refractory to volume expansion.

Epinephrine or norepinephrine are the preferred vasoactive agents for the management of fluid-refractory shock in children. Epinephrine is preferred when there is evidence of left ventricular (LV) dysfunction.

In children presenting with severe LV dysfunction, the addition of milrinone may be helpful.

Features of Kawasaki disease

standard therapies for KD, including IVIG, aspirin, and, if there are persistent signs of inflammation or coronary artery (CA) dilation/aneurysm, glucocorticoids.

As it will be increasingly difficult to distinguish patients with incident KD who have seroconverted from prior SARS Co-V2 infections from patients with MIS-C who meet KD criteria, it is important to intensify treatment if KD high-risk criteria are present.

Cardiac dysfunction

children with cardiac involvement may present with <u>arrhythmias</u> and <u>hemodynamic compromise</u>.

<u>Serial echocardiographic</u> assessment of cardiac function and monitoring of brain natriuretic peptide and troponin levels can help guide therapy.

Management focuses on supportive care to maintain hemodynamic stability and ensure adequate systemic perfusion. IVIG is often used, though conclusive evidence of benefit is lacking.

<u>Continuous cardiac monitoring</u> is essential so that arrhythmias are promptly detected and treated.

Patients with significant LV dysfunction are treated with intravenous diuretics and inotropic agents, such as milrinone, dopamine, and dobutamine.

In cases of fulminant disease, mechanical hemodynamic support

Antibiotic therapy

Ceftriaxon-vancomycin

Antiviral therapy

Severe MIS-C with active infection

Immune-modifying therapies

Intravenous immune globulin

We recommend IVIG for

1- all patients who meet criteria for complete or incomplete KD

2-Shock

3-Cardiac involvement, including any of the following:

Depressed LV function on echocardiography

CA abnormalities (dilation or aneurysm) on echocardiography

Arrhythmia

Elevated brain natriuretic peptide and/or troponin

4-Other severe manifestations requiring PICU

Glucocorticoid therapy may be given concomitantly with IVIG if severe or life-threatening illness is present. It also may be given as a second-line treatment in patients who do not respond to IVIG.

 Dosing – Glucocorticoid therapy is initially given intravenously (IV) with methylprednisolone at a dose of 2 mg/kg/day in two divided doses.

Once the patient has defervesced and is improved clinically, this can be transitioned to an equivalent oral dose of prednisolone or prednisone by the time of discharge and then tapered off over three to four weeks.

In life-threatening circumstances, pulse doses of glucocorticoids are sometimes used (IV methylprednisolone 30 mg/kg/dose, with a maximum of

The benefits and risks of adjunctive therapies (interleukin-1 [IL-1] inhibitors [eg, anakinra, canakinumab], IL-6 inhibitors [eg, tocilizumab], convalescent plasma from recovered COVID-19 patients) are uncertain.

Consultation with pediatric infectious disease and rheumatology specialists is advised.

Antithrombotic therapy

Patients with MIS-C are at risk of experiencing thrombotic complications

For example, patients with severe LV dysfunction are at risk for apical LV thrombus and those with KD who have large or giant CA aneurysms are at risk for myocardial infarction.

In addition, patients may be at risk for venous thromboembolism (VTE), including pulmonary embolus, due to hypercoagulability associated with COVID-19.

Management

Antithrombotic therapy

KD: At a minimum low dose aspirin

LY dysfunction: Moderate to severe

Other patients Is individualized

Management

Patients with mild symptoms who lack KD-like features, shock, and cardiac involvement can be monitored conservatively initially.

However, if the patient's clinical status worsens or they remain persistently febrile with elevated inflammatory markers, including rising ferritin levels, we typically administer IVIG.

outcome

Prognosis is uncertain

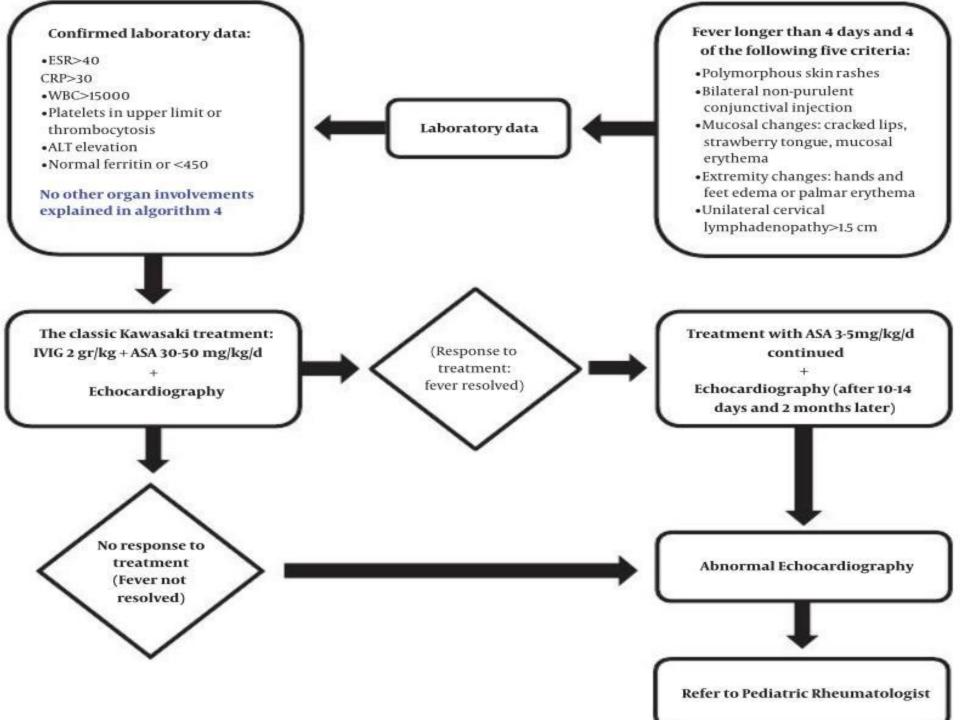
In 655 patients with MIS-C there were 11 death.(1.7 %)

Most patient with cardiac involvement had recovery

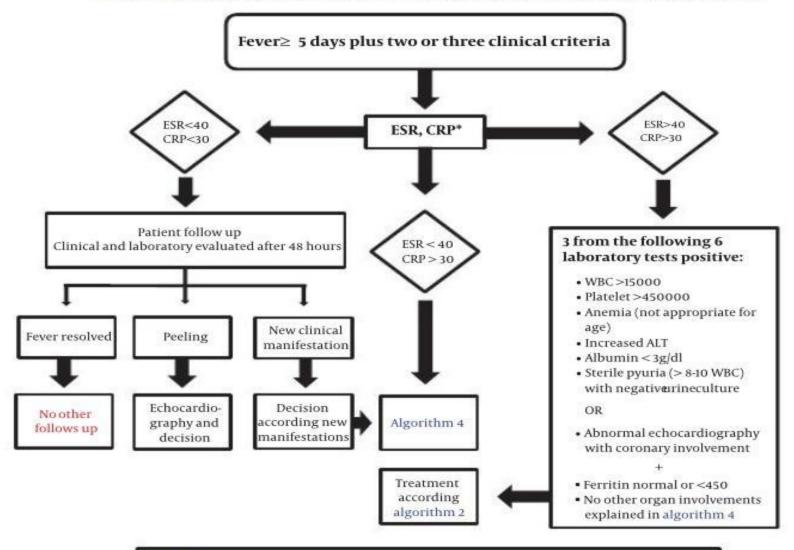
Algorithm 1: A pproach to children with fever and rash <19 years old Age<19 + fever and rash History of closed contact with COVID-19 or highly suggestive of COVID-19 Algorithm 4 Clinical manifestations of Complete Incomplete Kawasaki disease criteria Complete Kawasaki disease criteria and Incomplete Kawasaki disease with confirmed laboratory data* with confirmed laboratory data* with non-confirmed laboratory data Algorithm 4 Algorithm 3 Algorithm 2

Figure 1. Approach to Kawasaki-like syndromes in pandemic COVID-19: The Tehran Children's Medical Center Protocol (algorithm 1); designed by Pediatric Rheumatology Department confirmed by Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Pediatric Intensive Care, Pediatric Cardiology, and Pediatric Emergency Departments.

^{*}According to American Heart Association 2017 diagnostic criteria for complete and incomplete Kawasaki disease.



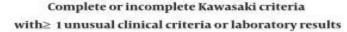
Algorithm 3: Incomplete Kawasaki according to American Heart Association criteria



BOX 1: Para-clinic evaluation for all suspicious patients:

- CBC, ESR, CRP, B/C, U/A, U/C
- Liver function test, PT, PTT, INR, serum albumin and serum Ferritin
- D-Dimer, BNP, IL6, Procalcitonin (if available)
- Pancreatic and Cardiac Enzymes (in selective patients)
- Abdominal ultrasonography
- Echocardiography

caused by SARS-COV2



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Closed contact with COVID-19 or high suspicio us to COVID-19

Box 2

Unusual clinical manifestations in KD:

- Shock or low blood pressure
- · Cardiac failure, Carditis
- Acute abdominal presentations
- o Acute gastroenteritis
- Ascites or edema of intestinal wall
- · Hepatic failure
- · Pancreas involvement
- Splenomegaly
- Clinical icterus
- Clinical manifestations of coagulopathy (thrombosis, bleeding,..)
- CNS involvements (seizure, loss of consciousness, cranial nerve involvement)

Box 3

Unusual laboratory results in KD:

- · Hematologic involvement:
- o Leukopenia (WBC <4000)
- o Thrombocytopenia (platelets <150000)
- o Lymphopenia (according to age)
- · Acute phase reactants:
- o ESR <30 with highly elevated CRP
- o Ferritin >450 ng/ml
- o IL-6>100 pg/mL
- o Procalcitonin >1 ng/mL
- o BNP>100 pg/mL
- · Hypercoagulopathy state:
 - o Increased PT, PTT
 - o Decreased fibrinogen <150
- o D-Dimer>1000
- · Hepatic dysfunction:
 - o Increased ALT > 2 times

BOX 4

Imaging evaluations in CT scan and ultrasonography

- Pulmonary involvements according to COVID-19
- · Free fluid in abdominal cavity
- · Edema of intestinal wall
- Thrombosis suspicions in imaging
- Ejection fraction <45%

Box 5: Diagnostic criteria

■ Suspicious to KD according to clinical criteria (algorithm 2, 3)

Plus

- Two of the 3 following criteria:
 - At least One clinical criterion (box 2)
 - At least two laboratory criteria (box 3)
 - One Imaging cultouts (how 4)

Algorithm 5: Therapeutic approach to Kawasaki-like syndrome or multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) by SARS-COV2

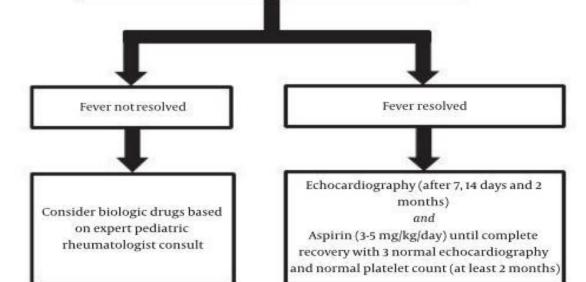
Box 6: Treatment of cytokine storm*:

- Treatment with methylprednisolone pulses (20-30 mg/kg/day) for 3 consecutive days.
- Treatment with IVIG 2gr/kg single dose after the first MTP (If coronary arteries involved)
- Enaxaparin in critical patients (admitted in ICU) 0.5 mg/kg/dose every 12 hours
- Aspirin 3-5 mg/kg
 IVIg should be infused with blood pressure and pulse rate monitoring in a prolongated time of about 18-24 hours with complete hydration

* Consult pediatric rheumatologist

Box 7: Suspicious to infectious disease*

- Antibiotic therapy (if necessary)
- Anti viral therapy (if necessary)
- Hydroxychloroquine treatment
- Treatment of other symptoms
- * The above mentioned approaches should be performed parallel cytokine storm treatment with pediatric infectious disease consultation



List of Abbreviations:

IVIg: Intravenous Immunoglobulin

ASA: Acetylsalicylic Acid

ESR: Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate

CRP: C-Reactive Protein (mg/L)

KD: Kawasaki Disease

IL-6: Interleukine-6

BNP: Brain natriuretic peptide

CNS: Central Nervous System

PT: Prothrombin Time

PTT: Partial thromboplastin time

ALT: Alanine Aminotransferase

Figure 5. Approach to Kawasaki-like syndromes in pandemic COVID-19: The Tehran Children's Medical Center Protocol (algorithm 5); designed by Pediatric Rheumatology Department confirmed by Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Pediatric Intensive Care, Pediatric Cardiology, and Pediatric Emergency Departments.

بیمار با تب بالا و یا مساوی ۳۸ درجه برای بیش از ۴ روز با ۲ تا ۵ علامت بیماری کاوازاکی مراجعه می بٹور ات جلدی (پلی مور فیک و یا ماکولوپاپولار) اريتم و ادم دست و يا اريتم و ترک خوردگي لب ها زبان توت فرنگي و اريتم مخاط دهان و حلق لنفادنو یاتی گر دن یکطر فه با انداز ه بیش از ۱/۵ سانتیمتر کنژنکتویت دو طرفه غیر چرکی CRP>=30 , ESR>=40 , در ضمن بیمار یافته غیر طبیعی به نفع بیماری دیگری غیر از KD نداشته باشد و تشخیص های افتراقی رد شده باشد. در آن صورت: اکو کار دیو گر افی بر ای بیمار انجام شود. در صورت مطرح شدن کاو از اکی آتیبیک یا کلاسیک در مان استاندار د با IVIG و آسیبرین شروع شود. در صورت داشتن سابقه مبتلا بودن به کوید-۱۹ یا تماس با بیمار بهبود یافته طی دو هفته اخیر از نظر ابتلا به کووید -۱۹ بررسي شود و اقدامات درماني و پيشگيرانه مطابق با دستورالعمل كشوري كوويد در اطفال به عمل آيد. بیمار سیر بیماری کاواز اکی را طی و با اولین دز IVIG تب قطع می شود و طبق پروتکل درمان کاواز اکی پس از ۲۲-۴۸ ساعت بدون تب بودن، در ضد التهاب اسيرين به ضد ترومبوز تبديل شده و از نظر قلبي با ثبات است. در صورت وجود یکی و یا بیشتر از علایم ناسازگار با کاواز اکی: ترخیص با توصیه های لازم شامل هشدار شوک یا فشار خون پایین علايم خطر نارسایی قلبی و یا کاردیت شواهد دال بر شكم حاد، گاسترو أنتريت حاد أسيت غير ر قابل توجيه تشخیص افتر اقی های مثل، سیتی سمی ، TSS ناشی هیاتیت با و یا بدون زردی از استرب گروه A و یا استافیلو کوک، KD-Shock اسیلنومگالی syndrome، تب های همور اژیک (به خصوص بثورات جلدی پاستولار، وزیکولار و یا پتشی و پورپورا CCHF) و سندرم التهابي چند سيستمي ناشي از شواهد بالینی به نقع کو آگولوپاتی کرونا ویروس (MIS-C) و MAS مد نظر باشد و شواهد به نفع انسفالیت (مثل کاهش سطح هوشیاری، تشنج و درگیری اعصاب کر انیال أزمايشات مرتبط طبق كتب مرجع بعمل أيد.

اگرمعیارهای زیر وجود داشته باشد بیمار به عنوان MIS-C در نظر گرفته شود:

A بسن ۱۹- ، سال

B. تظاهرات باليني شامل تمام موارد زير:

۱ کب ثابت شده بالای ۳۸ درجه برای بیش از ۲۴ ساعت

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C. رد سایر تشخیص های افتراقی مطرح شده در همین الگوریتم
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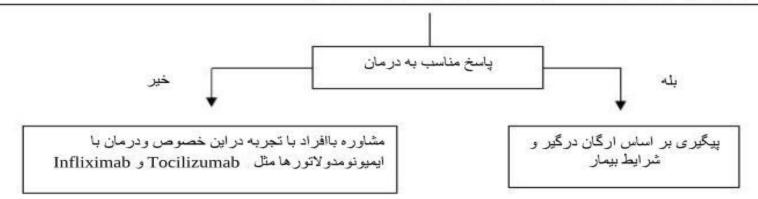
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SARS-Co^ا و يا تماس با مورد CoVID-19 و يا فرد در قرنطينه

بیمار با شرح حال تب بیش از ۳۸درجه به همراه شوک یا اختلال عملکرد میوکارد و یا نیازمند وازو پروسور و یا نارسایی شدید یکی از ارگان های بدن در PICU و در غیر این صورت در بخش بستری شود. (مطابق دستورالعمل کشوری کودکان)

- مانتیور علایم و نشانه های مرتبط صورت بگیرد و احتمال موضع عفونی رد شود.
- انجام اکوکار دیوگر افی و سونوگر افی (در صورت وجود علایم شکمی)، مانیتور با EKG و گاز های خون شریانی
 - ایجاد ثبات همودینامیک منطبق با وضعیت بیمار (از نظر شوک، اختلال عملکرد قلبی و...)
 - شروع آنتي بيوتيک مناسب بسته به وضعيت بيمار
 - شروع IVIG در صورت وجود شواهد دال بر Kawasaki Shock Syndrome ؛TSS و Kawasaki Shock
 - شروع پالس میتل پردنیز ولون با دز 20-30 mg/kg/day برای سه روز متوالی
 - شروع LMWH (آنوکساپارین) با دز پایین برای پیشگیری از ایجاد ترومبوز
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 - ارسال PCR نازوفارنکس جهت ویروس کرونا و نیز سرولوژی
 - نمره دهی بالینی و یار اکلینکی برای CCHF بر اساس پروتکل کشوری کریمه کنگو و درمان در صورت شک بالینی قوی
 - با توجه به درگیری چند ارگان، تیمی متشکل از تخصص های مرتبط بیمار را اداره می کنند.



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