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Title: Interleukin-6 Inhibitors (Tocilizumab And Sarilumab) For Critically Ill Patients With Covid-19 Pneumonia (Adults)

Dear colleagues,

NHS trusts / health boards are recommended to consider prescribing either tocilizumab or sarilumab to hospitalised patients with COVID-19 pneumonia being treated with non-invasive ventilation (including high-flow nasal oxygen therapy or continuous positive airway pressure ventilation) or invasive mechanical ventilation.

Yours sincerely



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