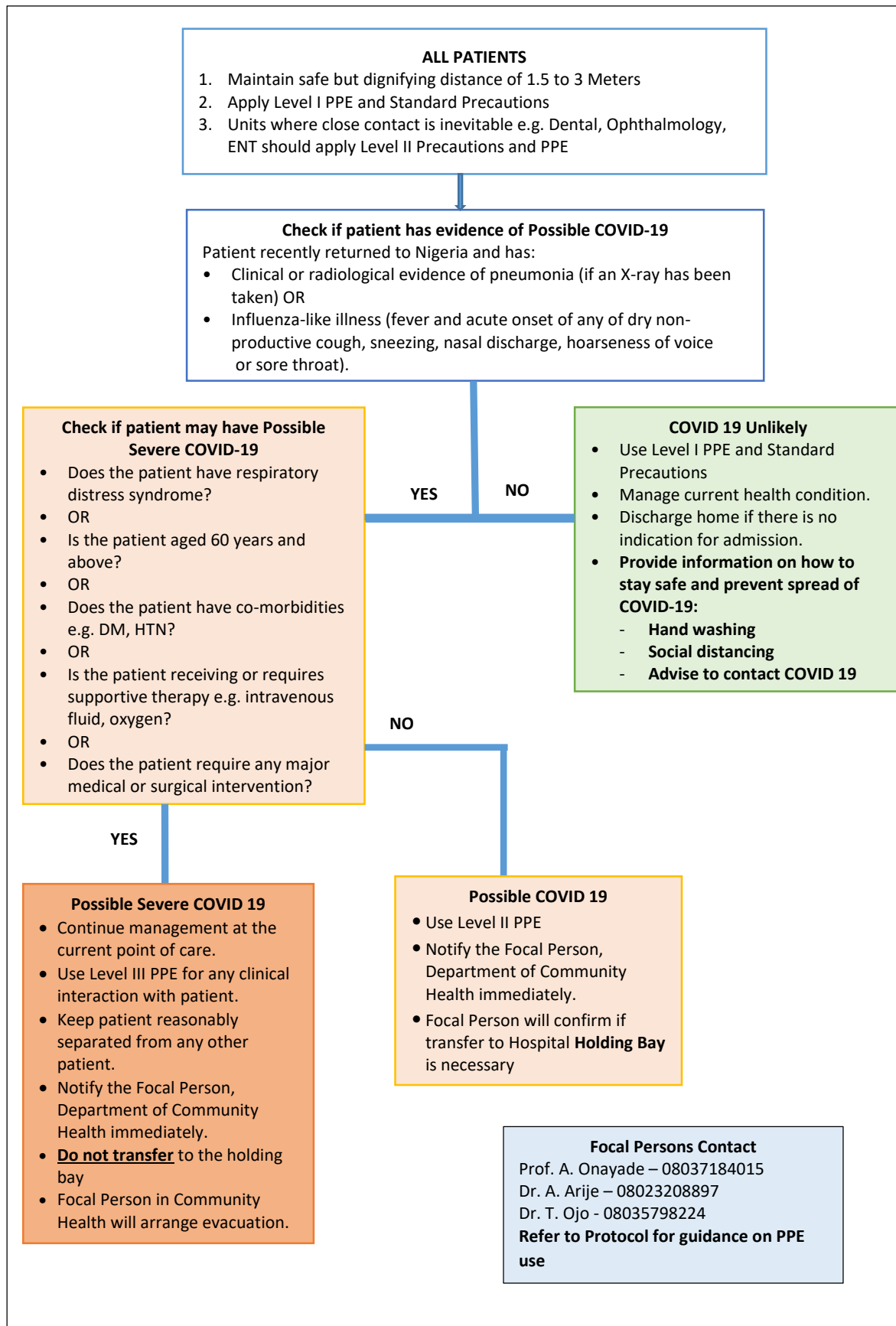


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 Algorithm for Managing Possible COVID-19 Patients



ALL PATIENTS

1. Maintain safe but dignifying distance of 1.5 to 3 Meters
2. Apply Level I PPE and Standard Precautions
3. Units where close contact is inevitable e.g. Dental, Ophthalmology, ENT should apply Level II Precautions and PPE

Check if patient has evidence of Possible COVID-19

Patient recently returned to Nigeria and has:

- Clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia (if an X-ray has been taken) OR
- Influenza-like illness (fever and acute onset of any of dry non-productive cough, sneezing, nasal discharge, hoarseness of voice or sore throat).

Check if patient may have Possible Severe COVID-19

- Does the patient have respiratory distress syndrome?
- OR
- Is the patient aged 60 years and above?
- OR
- Does the patient have co-morbidities e.g. DM, HTN?
- OR
- Is the patient receiving or requires supportive therapy e.g. intravenous fluid, oxygen?
- OR
- Does the patient require any major medical or surgical intervention?

COVID 19 Unlikely

- Use Level I PPE and Standard Precautions
- Manage current health condition.
- Discharge home if there is no indication for admission.
- **Provide information on how to stay safe and prevent spread of COVID-19:**
 - Hand washing
 - Social distancing
 - Advise to contact COVID 19

YES

NO

NO

YES

Possible Severe COVID 19

- Continue management at the current point of care.
- Use Level III PPE for any clinical interaction with patient.
- Keep patient reasonably separated from any other patient.
- Notify the Focal Person, Department of Community Health immediately.
- **Do not transfer** to the holding bay
- Focal Person in Community Health will arrange evacuation.

Possible COVID 19

- Use Level II PPE
- Notify the Focal Person, Department of Community Health immediately.
- Focal Person will confirm if transfer to Hospital **Holding Bay** is necessary

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Refer to Protocol for guidance on PPE use