

## Interim Policy for Procedural Sedation in ED during COVID-19 pandemic

Assumption is that, when undergoing procedural sedation in ED, patients might require airway support including intubation. **RED** stream, ie confirmed or possible COVID *Procedural Sedation*, will be transferred to OT, to have procedural sedation facilitated by anaesthetics, and procedure to be performed by specialty registrar or consultant.

### **CONFIRMED OR POSSIBLE COVID-19 IS A CONTRAINDICATION TO PROCEDURAL SEDATION IN ED.**

Procedural sedation for the **GREEN** stream will continue in ED **GREEN** Resus Area.

General principles:

- Confirm procedure is absolutely indicated – NV compromise, large joint dislocation, no OT availability
- **GREEN** Resus space/resources available
- Alternative explored including non-sedating and regional techniques
- Utilise agents less likely to require airway support (ie Ketamine, low dose Fentanyl/Midazolam)
- Clinical state of patient allows for procedural sedation including ASA classification 1 or 2
- Full PPE for airway doctor and airway assistant, considering possible asymptomatic carriage possible

Refer to **Procedural Sedation Guideline** for Standard Operating Procedures for **GREEN** stream Procedural Sedation.