Introduction

The purpose of this consensus is to provide guidance for the triage and resource allocation of critically ill patients in the event that the COVID-19 Pandemic in Klang Valley creates demand for critical care resources (e.g. ventilators, critical care beds) that outstrips the supply. These triage recommendations will be enacted only if:

1. Critical care capacity is, or will shortly be, overwhelmed despite taking all appropriate steps to increase the surge capacity to care for critically ill patients; and,
2. Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) has declared a national emergency / 'darurat'.

This consensus is grounded in ethical obligations that include the duty of care, the duty to steward resources to optimise population health, distributive and procedural justice, and transparency. It is consistent with existing recommendations in other countries for how to allocate scarce critical care resources during a public health emergency. This consensus describes:

1. Stratification of patients for resource allocation
2. Allocation criteria for initial allocation of critical care resources
3. Limitation of therapy.

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