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Naomi:

I am not aware of any efforts on rationing ventilators. They speak of making sure the high priority areas such as NYC get what they need, but there is no talk at this time of "rationing"

Thanks,  
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Hi Tony-

I know you are very busy but I wanted to see if you know of any effort on the part of the federal government to issue guidance on the rationing of ventilators when the time comes? Many of my colleagues in critical care across the country have been asking for some such guidance on a federal level. Both for the guidance itself and to protect themselves from legal liability. Are you aware of any such efforts? Thanks for any insights on this. And thanks for **all** you are doing on the coronavirus effort!  
Best regards,  
Naomi

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