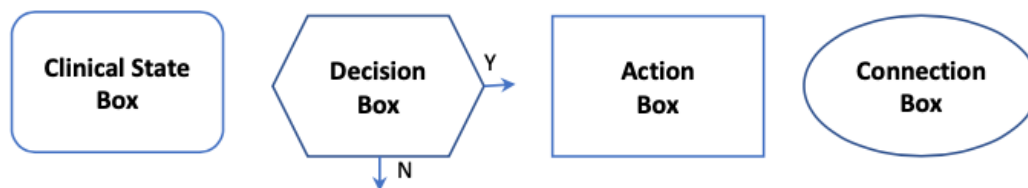


INTRODUCTION TO ALGORITHM INTERPRETATION

The clinical algorithm (flow chart) is a text format that is specially suited for representing a sequence of clinical decisions which are intended to improve and standardize decisions in delivery of medical care. For the purpose of clarity, a typical clinical algorithm is depicted with basic symbols that represent clinical steps in decision-making:



1. The rectangle with rounded edges depicts the current clinical state of an individual patient;
2. The hexagon is a decision box which contains a question answerable by yes or no; one arrow going to the right signifies “yes”, and one arrow going downwards signifies “no”;
3. The rectangle with sharp edges depicts the action to be done; and
4. The oval depicts connection to another algorithm in a different page.

Note that the following algorithms are adapted from multiple guidelines as released by the World Health Organization, Department of Health, and other societies. This document was also reviewed by different experts with the end-goal of having a summarized and comprehensive compilation of guidelines that will aid in management of COVID-19 patients by healthcare workers from both the community and hospital levels.

Lastly, while these patient-centered algorithms intend to summarize and simplify recommendations, these may be subject to change as evidence emerges and guidelines are updated. Any recommendations on patient care are not absolute. Final decisions remain under the discretion of the healthcare provider.