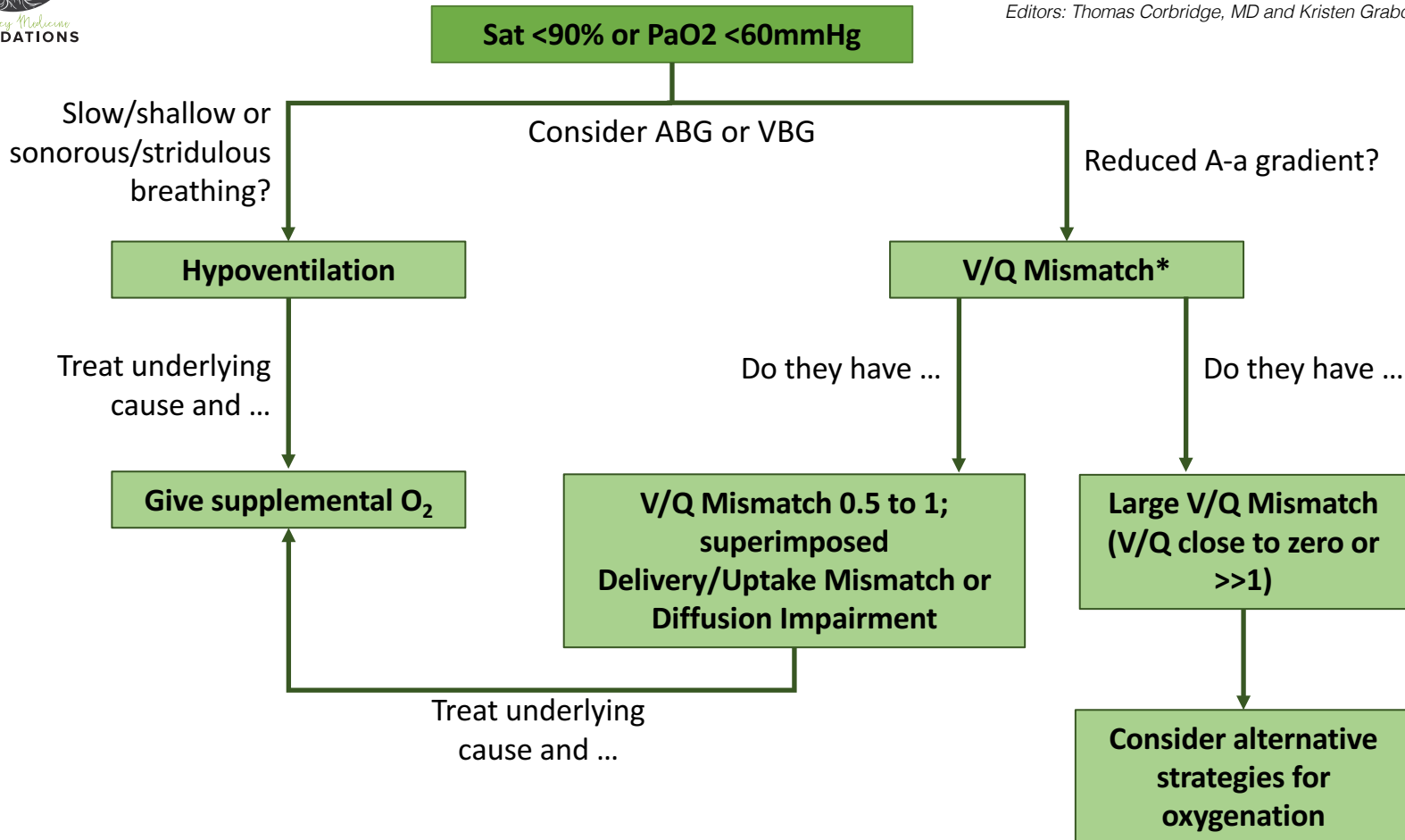




Approach to Hypoxemia

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*V/Q mismatch can be close to zero (perfusion without ventilation, or shunt physiology) or approaching infinity (ventilation without perfusion, or dead space). Patients rarely have pure shunt or dead space physiology, so supplemental O₂ can be helpful in many cases. Be wary of treating only the SaO₂, however, as toxic oxygen metabolites produced by hyperoxygenation can impair recovery.

- Positive pressure ventilation (NIPPV, intubation, etc.)
- Blood transfusion
- Hyperbaric O₂
- Thrombolysis
- ECMO