

¹Clinical judgment should be used to determine when symptoms trigger initiation of the algorithm. The earliest symptoms of SARS usually include fever, chills, rigors, myalgia and headache. In some patients, the symptoms of myalgia and headache may precede the onset of fever by 12-24 hours. Diarrhea may also be an early manifestation. Respiratory symptoms typically do not appear until 2-4 days following the onset of illness, and most often include shortness of breath and/or dry cough.