

**Figure 6: The DECAF Score**

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<b>Variable</b>	<b>Score</b>
Dyspnoea	
eMRCD 5a*	1
eMRCD 5b**	2
Eosinopenia (<0.05 X10 <sup>9</sup> /l)	1
Consolidation	1
Acidaemia (pH <7.3)	1
Atrial fibrillation	1
Total DECAF Score	6

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DECAF: Dyspnoea, Eosinopenia, Consolidation, Acidaemia and atrial Fibrillation;  
eMRCD: extended MRC dyspnoea

\* eMRCD 5a - too breathless to leave the house unaided but independently able to manage washing and/or dressing

\*\*eMRCD 5b - too breathless to leave the house and requiring assistance with both washing and Dressing

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