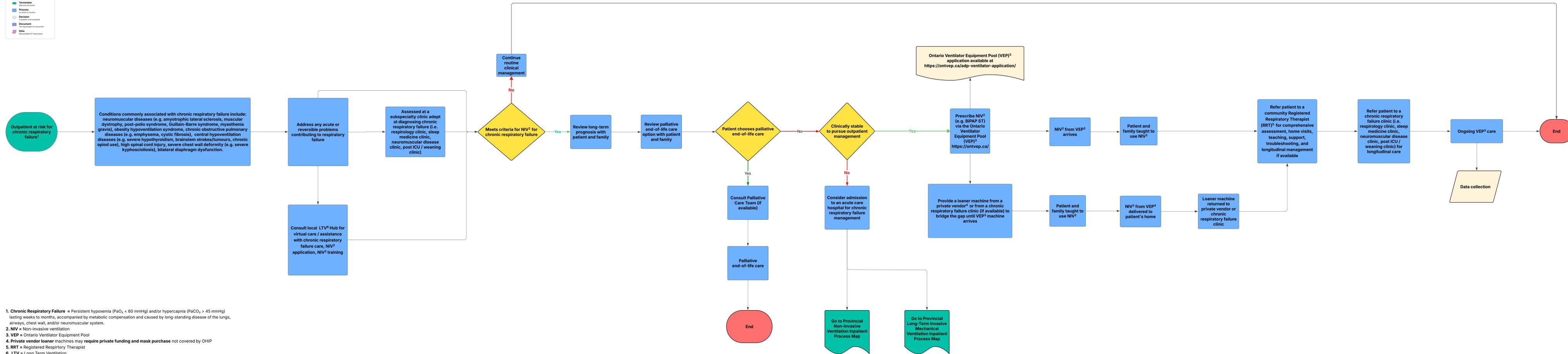


# Provincial Non-Invasive Ventilation (NIV) Outpatient Process Map v5 Feb 2026

Provincial Long-Term Ventilation Strategy, <https://ontariolongtermventilation.com/index.html>



1. **Chronic Respiratory Failure** = Persistent hypoxemia (PaO<sub>2</sub> < 60 mmHg) and/or hypercapnia (PaCO<sub>2</sub> > 45 mmHg) lasting weeks to months, accompanied by metabolic compensation and caused by long-standing disease of the lungs, airways, chest wall, and/or neuromuscular system.  
 2. **NIV** = Non-invasive ventilation  
 3. **VEP** = Ontario Ventilator Equipment Pool  
 4. **Private vendor loaner** machines may require private funding and mask purchase not covered by OHIP  
 5. **RRT** = Registered Respiratory Therapist  
 6. **LTV** = Long Term Ventilation