

Identification of the causes of 'discomfort'
(e.g. agitation, anxiety, pain, dyspnoea, disappointed expectations of the patient)



Structured assessment to identify causes of patient-related NIV failure



Attempt non-pharmacological remedy of 'discomfort'
(E.g. sophrology, and/or patient education in advance of NIV)
Special attention to effects of ill-fitting or inappropriate face masks on patient acceptance of NIV



If difficulties persist - consider possible benefits of sedation as an adjunct to NIV