

INDICATION

Determines the degree of illness of a patient, and assists in early detection of clinical deterioration and potential need for escalation of care to settings such as ITU.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Patients with low MEWS can continue with current level of observation monitoring.

Patients with high MEWS should be monitored more closely, consider increasing frequency and transfer to high level of care (HDU / ICU).

INTERPRETATION

SCORE	RISK OF DEATH / ICU ADMISSION WITHIN 60 DAYS
0-2	7.9%
3-4	12.7%
≥5-6	30% Consider higher level care (HDU / ICU)

If any one area has a score of 3, consider higher level of care (HDU / ICU).

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

Respiratory rate (per minute)	≤8	+2
	9-14	+0
	15-20	+1
	21-29	+2
	≥30	+3
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	≤70	+3
	71-80	+2
	81-100	+1
	101-199	+0
	≥200	+2
Temperature (°C)	<35.0	+2
	35.0-38.4	+0
	≥38.5	+2
Pulse (per minute)	≤40	+2
	41-50	+1
	51-100	+0
	101-110	+1
	111-129	+2
	≥130	+3
Consciousness	Alert	+0
	Responds to verbal	+1
	Reacts to pain	+2
	Unresponsive	+3