



Nonspecific signs and symptoms → to classify severity of withdrawal

9:41

100



COWS Score



CALCULATOR

NEXT STEPS

EVIDENCE

CREATOR

Quantifies severity of opiate withdrawal.

When to Use ▾

Pearls/Pitfalls ▾

Why Use ▾

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**Resting Pulse Rate
(BPM)**Measure pulse rate
after patient is
sitting or lying
down for 1 minute

≤80

0

81-100

+1

101-120

+2

>120

+4

SweatingSweating not accounted for by room temperature
or patient activity over the last 0.5 hours

No report of chills or flushing

0

Subjective report of chills or flushing

+1

Flushed or observable moistness on face

+2

RESULT

**18 points** COWS Score