

Adult Early Warning Score for Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration (NEWS2)

SCORE	E	3	2	1	0	1	2	3
Respiratory rate	≤4	5-8		9-11	12-20		21-24	≥25
SpO2%		≤91	92-93	94-95	≥96			
SpO2% * (Scale 2)		≤83	84-85	86-87	88-92 ≥93 ON RA	93-94 ON O2	95-96 ON O2	≥97 ON O2
O2 therapy (l/min)					Nil		Any O2	
Heart rate	≤30	31-40		41-50	51-90	91-110	111-129	≥130
Systolic BP	≤70	71-90	91-100	101-110	111-219			≥220
Level of consciousness* (AVPU)	Unresponsive	Confused Voice Response Pain Response			Alert			
Temperature (°C)		≤35.0		35.1-36.0	36.1-38.0	38.1-39.0	≥39.1	

The score for each parameter should be added together to produce a total Early Warning Score (EWS).
Once an EWS is calculated, follow the Clinical Escalations and Actions chart.

* NEWS2 considerations:

- SpO2 Scale 1 should be used for the majority of patients. Scale 2 should only be used for patients known to have a target SpO2 range of 88-92% as per the Oxygen CPG.
- Level of consciousness should be scored based on an acute change. If a patient has a chronic altered level of consciousness (e.g dementia) and does not have an acute change from their baseline, they should score zero for this parameter.