

Table 1 The Bedside Paediatric Early Warning System score items

Item	Age group	Item subscore			
		0	1	2	4
Heart rate (bpm)	0 to < 3 months	> 110 and < 150	≥ 150 or ≤ 110	≥ 180 or ≤ 90	≥ 190 or ≤ 80
	3 to < 12 months	> 100 and < 150	≥ 150 or ≤ 100	≥ 170 or ≤ 80	≥ 180 or ≤ 70
	1-4 years	> 90 and < 120	≥ 120 or ≤ 90	≥ 150 or ≤ 70	≥ 170 or ≤ 60
	> 4-12 years	> 70 and < 110	≥ 110 or ≤ 70	≥ 130 or ≤ 60	≥ 150 or ≤ 50
	> 12 years	> 60 and < 100	≥ 100 or ≤ 60	≥ 120 or ≤ 50	≥ 140 or ≤ 40
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	0 to < 3 months	> 60 and < 80	≥ 80 or ≤ 60	≥ 100 or ≤ 50	≥ 130 or ≤ 45
	3 to < 12 months	> 80 and < 100	≥ 100 or ≤ 80	≥ 120 or ≤ 70	≥ 150 or ≤ 60
	1 to 4 years	> 90 and < 110	≥ 110 or ≤ 90	≥ 125 or ≤ 75	≥ 160 or ≤ 65
	> 4 to 12 years	> 90 and < 120	≥ 120 or ≤ 90	≥ 140 or ≤ 80	≥ 170 or ≤ 70
	> 80 and < 100	> 100 and < 130	≥ 130 or ≤ 100	≥ 150 or ≤ 85	≥ 190 or ≤ 75
Capillary refill time		< 3 seconds			≥ 3 seconds
Respiratory rate (breaths/minute)	0 to < 3 months	> 29 and < 61	≥ 61 or ≤ 29	≥ 81 or ≤ 19	≥ 91 or ≤ 15
	3 to < 12 months	> 24 or < 51	≥ 51 or ≤ 24	≥ 71 or ≤ 19	≥ 81 or ≤ 15
	1 to 4 years	> 19 or < 41	≥ 41 or ≤ 19	≥ 61 or ≤ 15	≥ 71 or ≤ 12
	> 4 to 12 years	> 19 or < 31	≥ 31 or ≤ 19	≥ 41 or ≤ 14	≥ 51 or ≤ 10
	> 12 years	> 11 or < 17	≥ 17 or ≤ 11	≥ 23 or ≤ 10	≥ 30 or ≤ 9
Respiratory effort		Normal	Mild increase	Moderate increase	Severe increase/any apnoea
Oxygen saturation (%)		> 94	91 to 94	≤ 90	
Oxygen therapy		Room air		Any to < 4 L/minute or < 50%	≥ 4 L/minute or ≥ 50%