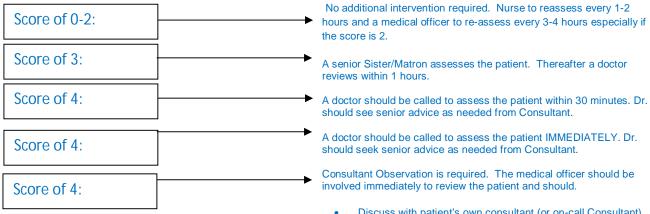
## **VITAL SIGNS IN CHILDREN**

AGE	HEART RATE (beats/minute)	RESPIRATORY RATE (breaths/mm)	BLOOD PRESSURE (mm/Hg)
Premature	120-170	40-70	55-75/35-45
0-3 months	100-150	35-55	65-85/45-55
3-6months	90-120	30-45	70-90/50-65
6-12months	80-120	25-40	80-100/55-65
1-3 years	70-110	20-30	90-105/55-70
3-6years	65-110	20-25	95-110/60-75
6-12years	60-95	14-22	100-120/60-75
Above 12 years	55-85	12-18	110-135/65-85

## PAEDIATRIC EARLY WARNING SCORE

PARAMETER	0	1	2	3
Behaviour	Playing / appropriate	Sleeping	Irritable	Lethargic/confused Reduced
			(unconsolable)	response to pain.
Cardiovascular	Pink or capillary refill 1-2	Pale or capillary refill	Grey or capillary refill	Grey and mottled or capillary
	seconds	3 seconds.	4 seconds	refill 5 seconds or above.
		AND/OR	AND/OR	AND/OR
		Tachycardia of 20	Tachycardia of 20	Tachycardia of 30above
		above normal rate	above normal rate	normal rate or bradycardia.
Respiratory	Within normal	> 10 above normal	>20 above normal	5 below normal parameters
	parameters, no	parameters using,	parameters recessing,	with sterna recession,
	recession or tracheal tug	accessory muscles,	tracheal tug, or	tracheal tug or grunting, or
		or requiring <5L/min	requiring 6-7L/min of	requiring 8 or more L/min of
		of oxygen	oxygen.	oxygen.

Add 2 extra for 1/3 hourly (every 20 minutes) nebulization with Bronchodilators Add 2 extra for persistent vomiting following surgery



- Discuss with patient's own consultant (or on-call Consultant)
- Contact ICU or Paediatric Intensivist for advice or admission if appropriate.
- If airway support is required, contact first on call Paediatrician or anaesthetist urgently.

If at any time there is no response from the medical team in terms of action taken or if the patient's condition does not improve within 2 hours contact patient's consultant or resident in ICU.

> If unsure about the Early Warning Score, or concerned about any patient at any time please contact The ICU/HDU/Emergency Room Team

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