

EARLY WARNING SCORE

Record all elements with every set of observation	3	2	1	0	1	2	3
CNS Status		Newly Confused or Agitated		Alert	Responds to Voice	Responds to Pain	Unresponsive
Respiratory Rate (per minute)	<8			8-20	21-30	31-35	>35
Oxygen Saturation (%)	<85	85-89	90-93	= / > 94			
Heart Rate	< 40		40-50	51-100	101-110	111-130	>130
Systolic BP (mmHg)	<70	70-80	81-100	101-200		201-220	>220
Temperature Score (*C)	<34	34-35	35.1-36.0	36.1-37.9	38.0-38.5	38.6-40.0	>40

Score is 1-2

→ Increase frequently of patient observations to at least 4 hourly

Score total is 3 or greater

→ Nurse should contact medical officer for patient review within 30 mins.
Dr. should seek senior advice as needed from Consultant.

Score total is 3 or in one category

→ Observations should be repeated at 30 minute intervals until problem is resolved.
Nurse should contact medical officer for Immediate patient review.
Dr. should seek senior advice as needed from Consultant.

Score total is greater than 6
OR.
There is a clinical emergency excluding cardiac arrest

→ Constant observation is required.
The medical officer should be involved immediately to review the patient and should:

- Discuss with patients own Consultant (or on-call Consultant).
- Contact critical care for advice or admission if appropriate.
- if airway support is required contact first on-call 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 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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