



National Early Warning Score (NEWS2) Vital Signs Record

NEWS Key



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		(DDMMYY) DATE								
		(24 HOUR) TIME								
A+B Respirations Breaths/minute	25 or more									3
	21-24									2
	12-20									1
	9-11									1
	8 or less									3
A+B SpO ₂ Scale 1 Oxygen Saturation (%)	96 or more									1
	94-95									1
	92-93									2
	91 or less									3
SpO₂ Scale 2 Oxygen Saturation (%) <small>Use Scale 2 if target range is 88-92% (e.g. in hypercapnic respiratory failure)</small>	97 or more on O ₂									3
	95-96 on O ₂									2
	93-94 on O ₂									1
	93 or more on air									1
	88-92									1
	86-87									1
	84-85									2
83 or less									3	
Air or Oxygen?	A = Air									2
	O ₂ L/min									2
	Device									2
C Blood Pressure mmHg <small>Score uses systolic BP only</small>	200 or more									3
	170-199									3
	111-169									1
	101-110									1
	91-100									2
	71-90									2
	61-70									3
	51-60									3
50 or less									3	
C Pulse Beats/minute	131 or more									3
	111-130									2
	91-110									1
	51-90									1
	41-50									1
	31-40									3
30 or less									3	
D Consciousness <small>Score for NEW onset of confusion (no score if chronic)</small>	Alert									3
	Confusion									3
	V = Responds to Voice									3
	P = Responds to Pain									3
U = Unresponsive									3	
E Temperature °C	39.1° or more									2
	38.1-39.0°									1
	36.1-38.0°									1
	35.1-36.0°									1
	35.0° or less									3
NEWS TOTAL										
Monitoring Frequency										
Family/Patient Concern Escalated Yes/No										
Escalation of Care Yes/No										
Initials										

Instructions for Use: National Early Warning Score (NEWS2) Vital Sign Record

- Measure and record the value for each of the six physiological parameters in the corresponding section of the NEWS form
 - There are two sections for recording oxygen saturation:
 - SpO₂ Scale 1 should be used for the majority of patients;
 - SpO₂ Scale 2 should only be used for recording and scoring oxygen saturation when a clinical decision by an authorized prescriber has been made to target oxygen saturation at 88–92%.
- Add up the scores to derive the final NEWS score.
- Refer to the Clinical Response to NEWS triggers table below to determine the frequency of monitoring of vital signs and the clinical response.
- Escalate to the appropriate care provider when a patient or family member expresses concern about the patient's clinical status.

Clinical response to NEWS triggers

NEW SCORE	FREQUENCY OF MONITORING	CLINICAL RESPONSE
0	As ordered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue routine NEWS monitoring with every set of observations
Total: 1-4	Minimum every 4–6 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess/Re-assess the patient; • Nurse to decide if increased frequency of monitoring and/or escalation of clinical care is required
3 in single parameter	Minimum every (1) hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse to inform the medical team caring for the patient, who will review and decide whether escalation of care is necessary
Total: 5 or more Urgent response threshold	Minimum every (1) hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse to urgently inform the medical team caring for the patient; • Assess/Re-assess patient status • Urgent assessment by a clinician with core competencies to assess acutely ill patients; • Team discussion on need for clinical care in an environment with higher level of care or increased monitoring capabilities
Total: 7 or more Emergency response threshold	Continuous monitoring of vital signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse to immediately inform the medical team caring for the patient including Attending Physician • If Code Blue Criteria met, call a Code Blue • Consider consultation with higher level of care or Intensive Care Unit
NOTIFY THE CHARGE NURSE/CRN OF CHANGE IN PATIENT STATUS		
Escalation of nurse concern/worry about a patient condition can occur at any time during care		

Definitions:

Observations: Full set of vital signs

NEWS monitoring: Calculation of NEWS score based on observations