

SCORING KEY for single MEWS

MODIFIED EARLY WARNING SCORING (MEWS) VITAL SIGNS CHART

0	1	2	3
No action	Re-check after 1/2 hour/report if no improvement	Check after 5 min/report immediately if no improvement	Single RED score of 3 = Medium risk but still report immediately

SCORING KEY for TOTAL MEWS

0, Total 1-4 = Low risk	Re-check after 1/2 hr /report if no improvement	Total 5-6 = Medium risk	Check after 5 min/report immediately if no improvement	Total score 7 or more = High risk	Report immediately
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PATIENTS' NORMAL BP									
PATIENT'S IDENTIFICATION & HOSPITAL NUMBER STICKER									

POST-OPERATIVE DAY									
DATE									
TIME									

RESPIRATORY RATE Write in full if outside the range eg. 7 or 26	25 or more	3								3	25 or more
	21-24	2								2	21-24
	12-20	0								0	12-20
	9-11	1								1	9-11
	≤8	3								3	≤8
O₂ Saturation %	96+	0								0	96+
	94-95	1								1	94-95
	92-93	2								2	92-93
	91 or less	3								3	91 or less
Inspired O₂	YES % / NO										YES % / NO
Temperature °C Write in full if outside the range eg.	39.1 or higher	2								2	39.1 or higher
	38.1-39.0	1								1	38.1-39.0
	36.1-38.0	0								0	36.1-38.0
	35.1-36.0	1								1	35.1-36.0
	35 or lower	3								3	35 or lower
HEART RATE Write in full if outside the range eg. 39 or 132	131 or more	3								3	131 or more
	111-130	2								2	111-130
	91-110	1								1	91-110
	51-90	0								0	51-90
	41-50	1								1	41-50
	40 or less	3								3	40 or less
SYSTOLIC BP Write in full if outside the range eg. 90 or 221	220 or more	3								3	220 or more
	111-219	0								0	111-219
	101-110	1								1	101-110
	91-100	2								2	91-100
	90 or less	3								3	90 or less
DIASTOLIC BP write in full eg. 80											
PERFUSION - capillary refill <2 sec											Perfusion
SKIN COLOUR	Pale/Cyanotic										Pale/Cyanotic
PAIN	Severe	3									Pain 3
	Moderate	2									2
	Mild	1									1
	No pain	0									0
HAD PAIN MEDICATION	YES/NO										YES/NO
Sweating	YES/NO										YES/NO
Wound oozing	YES/NO										YES/NO
Other: write											
Pedal pulses	YES/NO										YES/NO
Blood glucose											
Finger prick Hb											
LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS											
Alert (A)	(GCS 15)	0								0	A
Reacting to voice (V) / Pain (P) / Unresponsive (U)	(GCS 14 or less)	3								3	V/P/U
Pupil size:											
Right	Size										Right: Size
	Reaction										Reaction
Left	Size										Left: Size
	Reaction										Reaction
Intravenous fluid	YES/NO										IV YES/NO
URINE OUTPUT [Indicate if normally anuric] C=Catheter	more than 300ml/hr for 2	1								1	more than 300ml/hr for 2
	60ml/hr	0								0	60ml/hr
	less than 60ml/hr	1								1	less than 60ml/hr
	less than 30ml/hr	2								2	less than 30ml/hr
	No output	3								3	No output
Looks unwell	YES/NO										YES/NO
TOTAL SCORE											TOTAL SCORE
Initials											



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