

## Using the NEWS observation chart

The NEWS chart should replace currently used TPR charts. This would provide a standardised system for recording routine clinical data for all clients.

This consistent format, if used in all care settings, would provide familiarity in recognition of patient data and facilitate training in the measurement and recording of such data in a systematic and standardised way by all carers.

The NEWS chart contains dedicated sections to record the frequency of monitoring as defined by the score and the clinical response to a change in score, eg an escalation in acute care – this will facilitate tracking of the response to changes in the NEWS score.

The NEWS chart also contains dedicated sections to record urine output and pain severity. These do not form part of the NEWS score.

Please note that when the measured physiological parameter exceeds the range on the chart, the actual value should be recorded on the chart.

Please also note that the NEWS is not designed to replace recognised generic scoring systems such as the GCS or disease-specific systems.

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## Observation chart for the National Early Warning Score (NEWS)

NEWS KEY		NAME:				D.O.B.				ADMISSION DATE:					
0   1   2   3															
DATE										DATE					
TIME										TIME					
RESP. RATE	≥25									3					≥25
	21-24									2					21-24
	12-20									1					12-20
	9-11									1					9-11
	≤8									3					≤8
SpO <sub>2</sub>	≥96									1					≥96
	94-95									2					94-95
	92-93									2					92-93
	≤91									3					≤91
Inspired O <sub>2</sub> %	%									2					%
TEMP	≥39°									2					≥39°
	38°									1					38°
	37°									1					37°
	36°									1					36°
	≤35°									3					≤35°
NEW SCORE uses Systolic BP	230									3					230
	220									3					220
	210									3					210
	200									3					200
	190									3					190
	180									3					180
	170									3					170
	160									3					160
	150									3					150
	140									3					140
	130									3					130
	120									3					120
	110									1					110
	100									2					100
	90									3					90
80									3					80	
70									3					70	
60									3					60	
50									3					50	
HEART RATE	>140									3					>140
	130									3					130
	120									2					120
	110									2					110
	100									1					100
	90									1					90
	80									1					80
	70									1					70
	60									1					60
	50									1					50
40									1					40	
30									3					30	
Level of Consciousness	Alert									1					Alert
	V / P / U									3					V / P / U
BLOOD SUGAR															Bl'd Sugar
TOTAL NEWS SCORE															TOTAL SCORE
Additional Parameters	Pain Score														Pain Score
	Urine Output														Urine Output
Monitoring Frequency															Monitor Freq
Escalation Plan Y/N n/a															Escal Plan
Initials															Initials

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Please see next page for explanatory text about this chart.

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