

H09- NATIONAL EARLY WARNING SCORE

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Chart 1: The NEWS scoring system

Physiological	Score						
parameter	3	2	1	0	1	2	3
Respiration rate (per minute)	≤8		9–11	12–20		21–24	≥25
SpO ₂ Scale 1 (%)	≤91	92–93	94–95	≥96			
SpO ₂ Scale 2 (%)	≤83	84–85	86–87	88–92 ≥93 on air	93–94 on oxygen	95–96 on oxygen	≥97 on oxygen
Air or oxygen?		Oxygen		Air			
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	≤90	91–100	101–110	111–219			≥220
Pulse (per minute)	≤40		41–50	51–90	91–110	111–130	≥131
Consciousness				Alert			CVPU
Temperature (°C)	≤35.0		35.1–36.0	36.1–38.0	38.1–39.0	≥39.1	

Chart 2: NEWS thresholds and triggers

NEW score	Clinical risk	Response		
Aggregate score 0–4	Low	Ward-based response		
Red score Score of 3 in any individual parameter	Low-medium	Urgent ward-based response*		
Aggregate score 5–6	Medium	Key threshold for urgent response*		
Aggregate score 7 or more	High	Urgent or emergency response**		

^{*} Response by a clinician or team with competence in the assessment and treatment of acutely ill patients and in recognising when the escalation of care to a critical care team is appropriate.

 $[\]hbox{\ensuremath{**}} The\ response\ team\ must\ also\ include\ staff\ with\ critical\ care\ skills,\ including\ airway\ management.$