


8	Was time to review within correct time frame?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	
9	Did frequency of observations increase to ½ hourly, then hourly then 4 hourly?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	
COMMENTS												

Audit 10 patients in each clinical area-(1 observation chart each)

1	Count every vital sign as documented on the chart over previous 24 hours. Example if 8 RR's documented in 10 sets of vital signs – record as 8/10
2	Count number of times systolic BP and diastolic BP scored for every set of vital signs audited on chart.
3	Frequency of observations: minimum 8/24 unless documented by MO
3c	Post op observations: on RTW, ½ hourly for 2 hours, hourly for 4 hours, 4/24 for 24 hours (if MEWS < 4), if MEWS > 4, continue ½ hourly observations
4	Check that vital signs have been represented graphically, for example  and, that if only a number is written it is in the correct row
5a	MEWS that is not accurate is determined by establishing that an error has occurred. Whether one error or multiple errors identified within a single set of vital signs, that set of vital signs is deemed inaccurate.
5b	If there are errors, indicate the inaccurate vital signs. For example: if RR is inaccurate, list “RR” within the classifications available. Multiple errors may be identified. Please indicate all errors, in accordance within these classifications. Further guidance: If the MEWS is missing, but it is determined that the MEWS should be “0,” then this is regarded as ACCURATE MEWS.
6	IF the MEWS ≥ 4 or more or MET criteria breached indicate the highest MEWS/MET criterion and continue to answer shaded questions. This applies to the documented MEWS/MET criteria AND corrected MEWS/MET criteria as identified by auditor. If MEWS < 4 or no MET criteria breached then proceed to next chart.
7	Refer to the progress notes, to determine the level of M.O. who reviewed the patient post the time of the observed high MEWS/MET criteria. It is not necessary to scrutinise the review, but rather to indicate if that the level of review, was appropriate to the escalation level required.
8	Correct time frames: MEWS 4-5 within 120 minutes/ MEWS 6-7 within 60 minutes/ MEWS ≥ 8 and MET criteria within 10 minutes
9	Did the frequency of observations increase according to Procedure requirements of ½ hourly for one hour, hourly for 4 hours , and 4/24 for 24 hours?