

**GENERAL OBSERVATION CHART  
PAEDIATRIC  
0 - <3 MONTHS**

URN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Given names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alteration to calling criteria.**

Document reason for Alteration to calling criteria below and urgent review parameters over page. Patient must be reviewed within 24 hours (earlier if clinically indicated). Registrar can document Alteration after discussing with Consultant. Consultant to sign below within 24 hours. If further Alteration to calling criteria required commence new chart.

Date/Time:	
Reason for Alteration:	
Next review date/time: (not > than 24 hours)	
Observation frequency:	
Alteration to calling criteria documented over page?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Additional instructions and/or comments:	<i>Call if clinical concern</i>
RMO/Registrar name (print):	
RMO/Registrar signature:	
Consultant name (print):	
Consultant signature:	

**Additional observations**

Date												
Time												
Pain score												
Probe change												
IV Site check												
Other (specify):												
Other (specify):												
Initial												

Urinalysis	Date/Time	Specific Gravity	pH	Leuko-cytes	Blood	Nitrite	Ketones	Bilirubin	Uro-bilino-gen	Protein	Glucose	Initial

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*General instructions for using chart*

- Vital sign value must be recorded as a dot in the correct row as identified by its range.
- Observations must be represented graphically.
- For a vital sign in the extreme of a range (example SpO<sub>2</sub> ≤ 84), also write the value.
- If vital sign falls in coloured area refer to PEWS legend to determine score.
- Add all scores to calculate **Total PEWS**.
- For PEWS ≥ 4 refer to PEWS Escalation Table.

**Action if PEWS ≥ 4 or clinical condition deteriorating**

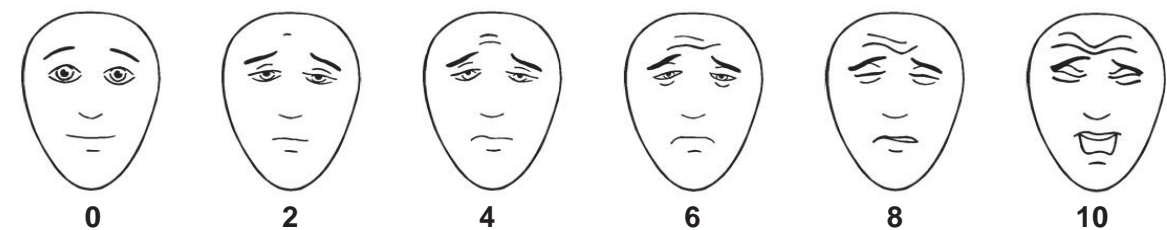
Date/Time	Reason for action (example PEWS 6)	Action taken (example: MO called to review patient)	Signature

**Pain Score – FLACC Pain Scale (behavioural)**

	SCORE 0	SCORE 1	SCORE 2
FACE	No particular expression or smile	Occasional grimace or frown, withdrawn, disinterested	Frequent to constant frown, clenched jaw, quivering chin
LEGS	Normal position or relaxed	Uneasy, restless, tense	Kicking or legs drawn up
ACTIVITY	Lying quietly normal position-moves easily	Squirming, shifting back/forth/tense	Arched rigid or jerking
CRY	No cry (awake or asleep)	Moans or whimpers Occasional complaints	Crying steadily Screams or sobs Frequent complaints
CONSOLABILITY	Content, Relaxed	Reassured by occasional touching, hugging or talking to, distractable	Difficult to console or comfort

This score chart is used for the non-verbal child – adding the scores of each of the five points together from 1 – 10  
 Merkel, Voepel-Lewis, Shayevitz, & Malviya (1997)

**Faces Pain Scale – Revised**



“These faces show how much something can hurt. The left most face (point to this) shows no pain. The faces show more and more pain up to this one (point to the face on the right) which shows very much pain. Point to the face that shows how much you hurt right now.”

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0 - <3 Months Age: _____	DATE TIME	DATE TIME
Respiratory Rate (breaths/minute)	Write ≥ 81 75-80 70-74 65-69 60-64 50-59 40-49 30-39 25-29 20-24 Write ≤ 19	Write ≥ 81 75-80 70-74 65-69 60-64 50-59 40-49 30-39 25-29 20-24 Write ≤ 19
<p><b>Urgent review if RR is _____ or &gt; _____</b></p> <p>Respiratory Rate Score</p>		
<p><b>Effort of Breathing</b></p> <p>Normal Mild Moderate Severe</p>		
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<p>• Room Air • Nasal Prongs • Hudson Mask 4L • HFNP ≤ 1.5L/kg or HFNP with FIO<sub>2</sub> ≤ 40% or HM &gt; 4L • HFNP ≥ 1.6L/kg or HFNP with FIO<sub>2</sub> &gt;40%</p>		
<p>Oxygen Delivery Score</p> <p>98-100 95-97 93-94 90-92 87-89 85-86 Write ≤ 84</p>		
<p>Oxygen Saturation (%)</p> <p>98-100 95-97 93-94 90-92 87-89 85-86 Write ≤ 84</p>		
<p><b>Urgent review if SpO<sub>2</sub> &lt; _____</b></p> <p>Oxygen Saturation Score</p> <p>Write ≥ 190 180-189 170-179 160-169 150-159 140-149 130-139 120-129 110-119 100-109 90-99 80-89 70-79 60-69 50-59 Write ≤ 49</p>		
<p><b>Urgent review if HR _____ or &gt; _____</b></p> <p>Heart Rate Score</p> <p>Write ≥ 125 115-124 110-114 105-109 100-104 90-99 80-89 75-79 70-74 65-69 60-64 Write ≤ 59</p>		
<p><b>Urgent review if Systolic BP &lt; _____ or &gt; _____</b></p> <p>Heart Rate Score</p> <p>Write ≥ 125 115-124 110-114 105-109 100-104 90-99 80-89 75-79 70-74 65-69 60-64 Write ≤ 59</p>		
<p>Systolic Blood Pressure Score</p> <p>Write ≥ 39.0 38.5 - 38.9 38.0 - 38.4 37.5 - 37.9 37.0 - 37.4 36.5 - 36.9 36.0 - 36.4 35.5 - 35.9 Write ≤ 35.4</p>		
<p>Temperature Score</p> <p>Alert Voice Pain Unresponsive</p>		
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<p><b>Level of Consciousness (AVPU)</b></p> <p>Alert Voice Pain Unresponsive</p>		
<p>AV/PU Score</p> <p>Alert Voice Pain Unresponsive</p>		
<p><b>TOTAL PEWS</b></p> <p>&lt;3 sec ≥3 sec</p>		
<p><b>Central Capillary Return</b></p> <p>&lt;3 sec ≥3 sec</p> <p>Initials</p>		

PEWS	Notify	Escalate	Intra hospital escort
PEWS 4-5	Team Leader. RMO review within 30 minutes	After 60 minutes if no review and/or no improvement escalate per PEWS 6-7	RN
PEWS 6-7	Team Leader. Registrar review within 30 minutes	After 60 minutes if no review and/or no improvement escalate per PEWS ≥ 8	RN and RMO
PEWS ≥ 8	Team Leader. Registrar review immediately. Contact Consultant	Consider MET if no review and/or no improvement	RN and Registrar

**Alteration to calling criteria**

- Patient meeting urgent review criteria
- Registrar review within 15 minutes

Vital sign frequency and actions for PEWS ≥4:

- ½ hourly for 1 hour
- Commence fluid balance chart
- If PEWS ≥ 6 BP must be measured with each set of vital signs

If patient improves decrease frequency of vital signs to:

- Hourly for 4 hours
- 4 hourly for 24 hours

**Alteration to Calling Criteria**  
Refer to urgent review parameters documented in left column next to vital signs

**Paediatric Early Warning Scores (PEWS)**

0	1	2	3	4/MET
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**Effort of Breathing**  
(Advanced Paediatric Life Support Criteria for Effort of Breathing)  
Stridor, accessory muscle use, recession, wheeze, nasal flaring, grunting, gasping

Normal = nil of the above criteria  
Mild = 1 of the above criteria  
Moderate = 2 of the above criteria  
Severe = 3 or more of above criteria

**Guide for assessing Level of Consciousness using AVPU tool**

**Alert** Awake and alert OR asleep with no clinical indication to wake for assessment

**Voice** Responds to verbal stimuli

**Pain** Responds to painful stimuli

**Unresponsive** No response to stimuli

Clinical indications for waking child up for assessment of level of consciousness include: neurological condition; post operative or post procedure; medical orders; signs of clinical deterioration and/or PEWS ≥ 4.

Refer to Vital Sign Procedure for clarification.

**MET Criteria (Dial “8” for MET)**

**Neonatal MET if < 10 months or < 10 kg**    **Paediatric MET if > 10 months or > 10 kg**

- Any observation in 4/MET zone
- SpO<sub>2</sub> < 90 % on any O<sub>2</sub>
- SpO<sub>2</sub> < 60 % in patients with Cyanotic Heart Disease on any O<sub>2</sub>
- Airway threat
- Respiratory or cardiac arrest
- Sudden drop in level of consciousness
- Repeated or prolonged seizures
- Severe or worsening respiratory distress, exhaustion, apnoea or cyanosis
- Any patient you are worried about that does not fit this criteria

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