

Observation chart for the National Early Warning Score (NEWS)

NEWS KEY 0123		NAME:										D.O.B.		ADMISSION DATE:											
DATE																								DATE	
TIME																								TIME	
RESP. RATE	≥25											3											≥25		
	21-24											2											21-24		
	12-20																						12-20		
	9-11											1											9-11		
	≤8											3											≤8		
SpO ₂	≥96																						≥96		
	94-95											1											94-95		
	92-93											2											92-93		
	≤91											3											≤91		
Inspired O ₂ %	%											2											%		
TEMP	≥39°											2											≥39°		
	38°											1											38°		
	37°																						37°		
	36°											1											36°		
	≤35°											3											≤35°		
NEW SCORE uses Systolic BP BLOOD PRESSURE	230											3											230		
	220																						220		
	210																						210		
	200																						200		
	190																						190		
	180																						180		
	170																						170		
	160																						160		
	150																						150		
	140																						140		
	130																						130		
	120																						120		
	110											1											110		
	100											2											100		
	90																						90		
	80											3											80		
	70																						70		
	60																						60		
	50																						50		
	HEART RATE	>140											3											140	
130												2											130		
120																							120		
110												1											110		
100																							100		
90																							90		
80																							80		
70																							70		
60																							60		
50																							50		
40												1											40		
30												3											30		
Level of Consciousness		Alert																						Alert	
		V / P / U											3											V / P / U	
BLOOD SUGAR																							Bl'd Sugar		
TOTAL NEW 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.



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 patients in hospital. This consistent format, if used in all hospitals, 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 NHS staff.

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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The NEWS educational tool

The Royal College of Physicians' NEWS Development and Implementation Group (NEWSDIG) commissioned the NHS Training for Innovation team to work with members of NEWSDIG, including representation from the Royal College of Nursing and the National Outreach Forum, to develop a standardised generic NEWS chart that would be suitable for downloading for use by clinical teams across the NHS. Alongside, an online training package focused on the use of NEWS has been developed to facilitate implementation (<http://tfnews.ocbmedia.com>).