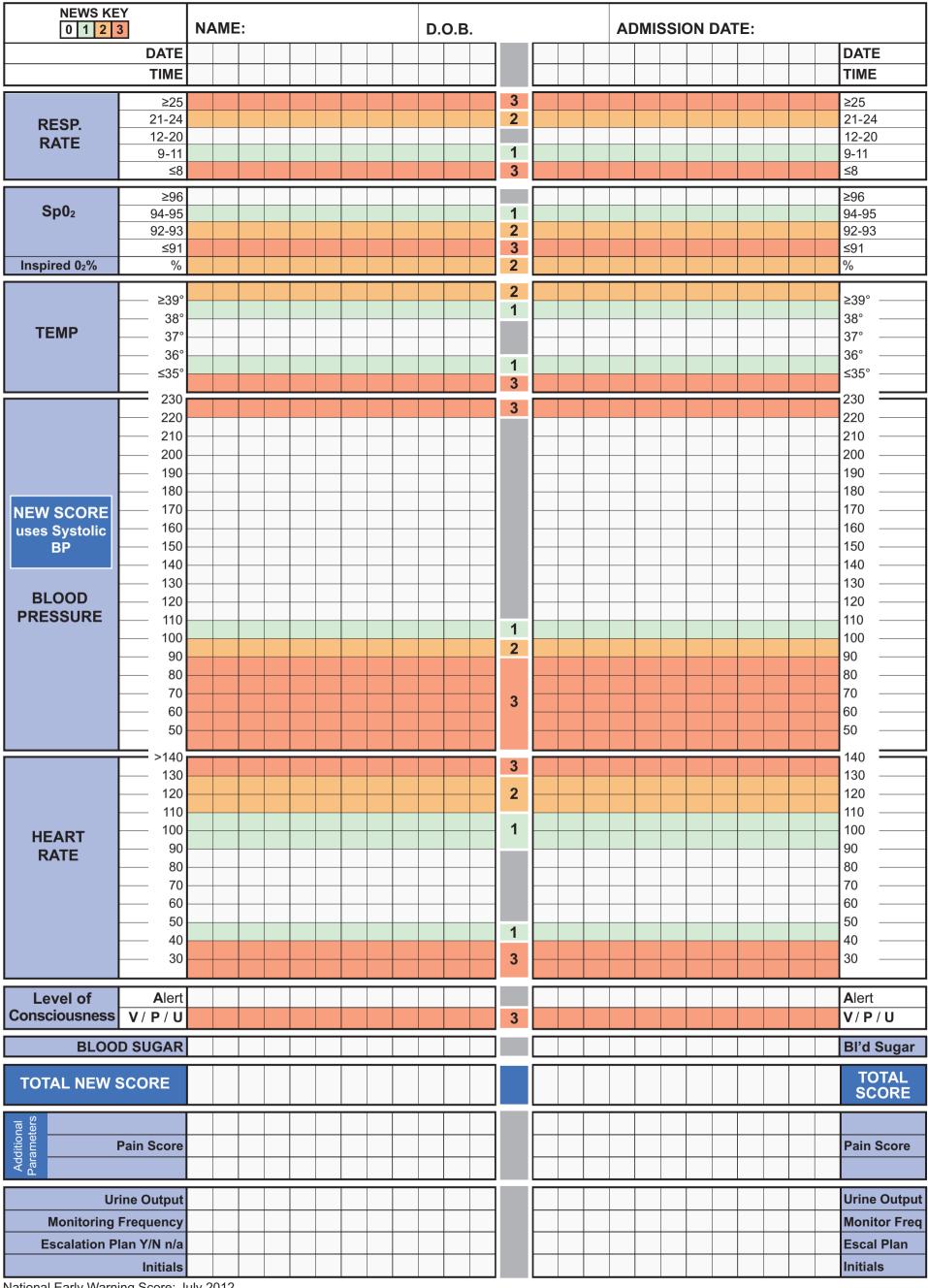
## Observation chart for the National Early Warning Score (NEWS)



National Early Warning Score: July 2012

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

**Reproducing this chart:** this chart must be reproduced in colour and in actual size, and should not be modified or amended.

## 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://tfinews.ocbmedia.com).