

Inpatient Escalation Aid

PEWS Score	0 - 1	2	3	4 AND/OR score increases by 2 after interventions	5 - 13 or score of 3 in one category
Notify		Review patient with a more experienced healthcare provider and escalate if deemed further consultation required OR resources do not allow to meet care needs	As per PEWS Score 2	RN notifies MRP or physician delegate; based on rate of deterioration, Emergency Physician (EP) to consider consulting a pediatrician	As per PEWS Score 4 AND MRP to assess patient immediately (also the pediatrician if available); if MRP unavailable to attend, call for a STAT physician review as per MRP's direction; appropriate 'senior' review
Plan				MRP or physician delegate communicate a plan of care to mitigate factors contributing to deterioration	As per PEWS Score 4
Assessment	Continue assessments and documentation as per patient specific protocol (e.g. post-op, routine)	As per PEWS Score 1	Increase frequency of assessments and documentation as per plan from consultation with more experienced healthcare provider	Increase frequency of assessments and documentation of vital signs and PEWS score	As per PEWS Score 4
Resources				Reassess patient assignments; reassess care location based upon skill mix, equipment, medication and resources; consider internal or external transfer to higher level of care	Increased nursing care (e.g. 1:1) with increasing interventions as per plan; reassess care location—consider internal or external transfer to higher level of care
Situational Awareness	If patient is assessed with one or more of the following situational awareness factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent concern ▪ Watcher patient ▪ Unusual therapy ▪ Breakdown in communication THEN: Follow PEWS Score 2 actions				