


# BC PEWS Escalation Aid for Inpatient and Emergency Department Settings

Always use clinical judgement in conjunction with the Escalation Aid

PEDIATRIC EARLY WARNING SYSTEM SCORE		0 – 1	2	3 * For a score of “3” in any one category consider higher escalation	4 &/or score increases by 2 after interventions	5 – 13 or score of “3” in one category
	Notify		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider reviewing patient with a more experienced healthcare provider</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per PEWS Score 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per PEWS Score 2 <b>AND</b> notify most responsible physician (MRP) or physician delegate</li> <li>Based on rate of deterioration, consider pediatrician consult</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MRP to assess patient immediately (&amp; pediatrician if available)</li> <li>If MRP unable to attend, call for STAT physician review</li> <li>Appropriate senior review</li> </ul>
	Plan				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MRP or delegate communicate a plan of care to mitigate contributing factors of deterioration</li> <li>Communicate plan of care to the patient and/or family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per PEWS Score 4</li> </ul>
	Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue assessment, monitoring and documentation as per orders &amp; routine protocols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per PEWS Score 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase frequency of assessments &amp; documentation as per plan from consultation with more experienced healthcare provider</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase frequency of assessments &amp; documentation as per plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per PEWS Score 4</li> </ul>
	Resources			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Escalate if further consultation required or if resources do not allow for safe monitoring and care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reassess adequacy of resources and make changes as needed:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RN to patient ratio</li> <li>Location: ensure appropriate level of skill, equipment, medication and resources available</li> </ul> </li> <li>Consider internal or external consult or transfer to higher level of care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per PEWS Score 4</li> </ul>
	SITUATIONAL AWARENESS	<p>If patient is assessed with one or more of the following situational awareness factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parent concern</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Watcher patient</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unusual therapy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breakdown in communication</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>Follow PEWS Score 2 actions</b></p>				