

Escalate care for any woman that you, her or her family are worried about, regardless of vital signs or early warning score

The eight core vital sign parameters, their abbreviations, and instructions for how to document them are shown in the grey column

Two patient labels are required so that you can identify the woman even if the chart is folded back on itself

This area of the chart is the vital sign graphing area
 Document a complete set of vital signs every time, or acknowledge exemption from scoring
 Make sure you write the date and time at the top of the chart

The coloured zones for each vital sign parameter correspond to the maternity early warning system (MEWS) score

Any vital sign in the blue zone triggers an immediate rapid response call

Add the scores for each vital sign together and write the total MEWS score here
 Check the escalation pathway to see what actions you must take

Document pain score and your initials here, beneath the total MEWS score/EX

MATERNITY VITAL SIGNS CHART SIDE 1

Maternity Vital Signs

Respiratory Rate (breaths/min)
 write RR value

Oxygen (L/min) value
 write SpO₂ value

Heart Rate (bpm)
 mark HR with X
 write value if off scale

Systolic Blood Pressure (mmHg)
 mark SBP with X
 write value if off scale

Diastolic Blood Pressure (mmHg)
 mark DBP with X
 write value if off scale

Temperature (°C)
 mark Temp with X
 write value if off scale

Level of Consciousness
 mark LOC with X

Pain score (0-10)
 Rest Movement

Initials

MEWS TOTAL or EX

Insert organisational logo or identifier here

Suriname: NHI:
 First Names:
 Date of Birth: / / Sex:
 PLACE PATIENT ID HERE

THIS CHART IS FOR PREGNANT OR RECENTLY PREGNANT WOMEN ONLY (WITHIN 42 DAYS)

- ESCALATE CARE FOR:
- ANY WOMAN YOU, THEY OR THEIR FAMILY ARE WORRIED ABOUT, REGARDLESS OF VITAL SIGNS OR EARLY WARNING SCORE
 - ACUTE FETAL CONCERN

Mandatory escalation pathway - maternity

Maternity Early Warning Score (MEWS)	Action
MEWS 1-4	
MEWS 5-7	Acute illness or unstable chronic disease
MEWS 8-9 or any vital sign in pink zone	Likely to deteriorate rapidly
MEWS 10+ or any vital sign in blue zone	Immediately life threatening critical illness

Your local escalation actions will be printed here

A full set of vital signs with corresponding MEWS must be taken and calculated each time at the frequency stated in policy. If there is no timely response to your request for review, escalate to the next coloured zone.

Modification to Maternity Early Warning Score (MEWS) Triggers

The MEWS can be changed to prevent inappropriate escalation. All modifications should be made in line with local policy and regularly reviewed by the responsible clinician.
 Query any modification that is not signed and dated.

Vital sign (use abbreviation)	Accepted values and modified MEWS	Date and time	Duration (hours)	Name and contact details
Reason:		/ /		
Reason:		/ /		
Reason:		/ /		

Any limitations of medical treatment must be clearly documented in the clinical notes. However, to aid rapid decision making, this information can be duplicated in the modifications box

This area of the chart is the escalation pathway
 It explains what actions to take when total MEWS score triggers are reached, or a single vital sign is in the pink or blue zone
 Taking action is mandatory

Modifications to the early warning score triggers are documented here

- Check for modifications before you calculate the total MEWS score
- Ignore any modification that is not current, signed, and dated

USE THIS CHART FOR PREGNANT/POSTNATAL WOMEN WHO REQUIRE REPEATED OBSERVATIONS. NOT FOR ROUTINE INTRAPARTUM USE