


Vital Signs		Date Time (24 hour)																PEWS	Date Time (24 hour)													
Respiratory Rate (breaths/min) mark RR with X	≥ 45																	4														≥ 45
	40-44																	2														40-44
	35-39																															35-39
	30-34																	1														30-34
	25-29																															25-29
	20-24																	0														20-24
	15-19																	1														15-19
	12-14																	2														12-14
	10-11																															10-11
	5-9																	4														5-9
Respiratory Distress mark RD with X	≤ 4																															≤ 4
	Severe																	4														Severe
	Moderate																	2														Moderate
	Mild																	1														Mild
Oxygen (L/min or FiO ₂ %) write value	≥ 4L or ≥ 35%																	4														≥ 4L or ≥ 35%
	< 4L or < 35%																	2														< 4L or < 35%
	Room air X																	0														X Room air
	Mode																															Mode
Oxygen Saturation (%) write SpO ₂	High flow rate																															High flow rate
	≥ 95																	0														≥ 95
	91-94																	1														91-94
	≤ 90																	2														≤ 90
Heart Rate (bpm) mark HR with X write value if off scale	≥ 170																	4														≥ 170
	160s																															160s
	150s																															150s
	140s																	2														140s
	130s																	1														130s
	120s																															120s
	110s																															110s
	100s																	0														100s
	90s																															90s
	80s																															80s
	70s																	1														70s
	60s																	2														60s
	50s																	4														50s
	≤ 49																															≤ 49
Central Capillary Refill mark CR with X	≥ 3 sec																	4														≥ 3 sec
	< 3 sec																	0														< 3 sec
Blood Pressure (mmHg) score systolic BP value only write value if off scale	≥ 170																	4														≥ 170
	160s																															160s
	150s																	2														150s
	140s																															140s
	130s																	1														130s
	120s																															120s
	110s																															110s
	100s																	0														100s
	90s																															90s
	80s																	1														80s
	70s																	2														70s
	60s																	4														60s
	50s																															50s
	40s																															40s
	≤ 39																															≤ 39
PEWS TOTAL																																PEWS TOTAL
Whānau concern: Y/N/A																																Y/N/A
Level Of Consciousness mark LOC with X	Alert																															Alert
	Voice																															Voice
	Pain																															Pain
	Unresponsive																															Unresponsive
Temperature (°C) mark Temp with X write value if off scale	≥ 40																															≥ 40
	39s																															39s
	38s																															38s
	37s																															37s
	36s																															36s
Pain Score write score (0-10)	≤ 35																															≤ 35
	Rest																															Rest
Initials																																Movement



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Given Name: _____ Gender: _____

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ESCALATE CARE FOR ANY PATIENT YOU OR THEIR WHĀNAU ARE WORRIED ABOUT, REGARDLESS OF VITAL SIGNS OR PEWS

Mandatory escalation pathway		
Total PEWS	Action	
PEWS 1-3		
PEWS 4-5		
PEWS 6-7		
PEWS 8+		
Any vital sign in the blue zone		

Any treatment limitations must be documented in the patient’s clinical record.
A full set of vital signs must be taken, with corresponding PEWS calculated each time, at a frequency stated in hospital policy. If there is no timely response to your request for review, escalate to the next zone.

Modification to PEWS triggers

The PEWS can be changed to prevent inappropriate escalation. All modifications must be made in line with hospital policy and regularly reviewed by the primary team. Query any modification that is not signed and dated.

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

National tools

Revised FLACC observational pain tool			
Categories	Scoring		
	0	1	2
Face	No expression or smile	Occasional grimace or frown, withdrawn, disinterested; appears sad or worried	Frequent to constant frown, clenched jaw, quivering chin; <i>distressed looking face; expression of fright or panic</i>
			Individualised behaviour described by family:
Legs	Normal position or relaxed; usual muscle tone and motion to arms and legs	Uneasy, restless, tense; occasional tremors	Kicking, or legs drawn up; <i>marked increase in spasticity; constant tremors or jerking</i>
			Individualised behaviour described by family:
Activity	Lying quietly, normal position, moves easily; regular rhythmic breaths (respiration)	Squirming, shifting back and forth, tense or guarded movements; mildly agitated (head back and forth, aggression); shallow, splinting breaths (respirations); occasional sighs	Arches, rigid, or jerking; <i>severe agitation; head banging; shivering (not rigors); breath holding, gasping, or sharp intake of breaths; severe splinting</i>
			Individualised behaviour described by family:
Cry	No cry (awake or asleep)	Moans or whimpers, occasional complaint; occasional verbal outburst or grunt	Crying steadily, screams or sobs, frequent complaints; <i>repeated outbursts; constant grunting</i>
			Individualised behaviour described by family:
Consolability	Content, relaxed	Reassured by occasional touching, hugging, or ‘talking to’; can be distracted	Difficult to console or comfort; <i>pushing away caregiver; resisting care or comfort measures</i>
			Individualised behaviour described by family:
Rate the child in each of the five measurement categories, add together, and document total pain score (0 – 10).			
Children who are awake:	Observe for at least 1-2 minutes. Observe legs and body uncovered. Reposition child or observe activity, assess body for tenseness and tone. Initiate consoling interventions if needed.		
Children who are asleep:	Observe for at least 2 minutes or longer. Observe legs and body uncovered. If possible, reposition the child. Touch the body and assess for tenseness and tone.		
This tool can be used for all non-verbal children. The additional descriptors (in italics) are validated in children with cognitive impairment. The nurse can review with parents/caregivers the descriptors within each category. Ask the parents/caregivers if there are additional behaviours that are better indicators of their child experiencing pain. Add these behaviours to the tool in the appropriate category.			

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Assessment of respiratory distress guide			
	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Airway	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stridor on exertion or cryingWheeze present	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Some stridor at restWheeze marked	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stridor at restNew onset of stridorWheeze severeSilent chest
Behaviour and feeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NormalTalks in sentences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Some or intermittent irritabilityDifficulty talking or cryingDifficulty feeding or eating	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased irritability and/or lethargyLooks exhaustedUnable to talk or cryUnable to feed or eat
Accessory muscle use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mild intercostal and suprasternal recession	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderate intercostal and suprasternal recessionTracheal tugNasal flaringHead bobbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Marked intercostal and suprasternal recession
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none">May have brief apnoea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gasping, gruntingExtreme pallor, cyanosisIncreasingly frequent or prolonged apnoea
Score at the level of severest sign. Note that not all features are relevant to all conditions.			

Respiratory support mode		
NP = Nasal prongs	M = Face mask	HF = High flow
R = Non-rebreather mask	C = CPAP	B = BPaP
TH = Tracheostomy humidification	HO ₂ = Humidified oxygen	

Numerical rating scale	
No pain	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Worst pain
On a scale of 0 -10, with 0 being no pain and 10 being the worst pain you can imagine, what number are you feeling right now on movement and at rest?	

Faces pain scale - revised					
					
0	2	4	6	8	10
Can you point to the face that shows how much you hurt?					



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