

Outline Clinical Response to NEWS Triggers

NEWS SCORE	FREQUENCY OF MONITORING	CLINICAL RESPONSE
0	Minimum 12 hourly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue routine NEWS monitoring with every set of observations
Total: 1-4	Minimum 4-6 hourly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform registered nurse who must assess the patient; Registered nurse to decide if increased frequency of monitoring and / or escalation of clinical care is required;
Total: 5 or more or 3 in one parameter	Increased frequency to a minimum of 1 hourly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered nurse to urgently inform the medical team caring for the patient; Urgent assessment by a clinician with core competencies to assess acutely ill patients; Clinical care in an environment with monitoring facilities;
Total: 7 or more	Continuous monitoring of vital signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered nurse to immediately inform the medical team caring for the patient – this should be at least at Specialist Registrar level; Emergency assessment by a clinical team with critical care competencies, which also includes a practitioner/s with advanced airway skills; Consider transfer of Clinical care to a level 2 or 3 care facility, i.e. higher dependency or ITU;