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**NSW Health**

FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MRN \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_  MALE  FEMALE

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

**STANDARD PAEDIATRIC OBSERVATION CHART (SPOC)**

**Under 3 months**

Altered Calling Criteria

COMPLETE ALL DETAILS OR AFFIX PATIENT LABEL HERE

Date					
Time					
AIRWAY / BREATHING	Respiratory Rate (breaths per minute)	90			90
		85			85
		80			80
		75			75
		70			70
		65			65
		60			60
		55			55
		50			50
		45			45
		40			40
		35			35
		30			30
		25			25
		20			20
15			15		
Respiratory Distress		Severe			Severe
		Moderate			Moderate
		Mild			Mild
		Normal			Normal
SpO <sub>2</sub> (in any amount of O <sub>2</sub> )		100			100
		95			95
		90			90
		85			85
		80			80
		75			75
		<70			<70
Oxygen		L/min or %			L/min or %
		Device			Device
CIRCULATION	Heart Rate (beats per minute)	220			220
		210			210
		200			200
		190			190
		180			180
		170			170
		160			160
		150			150
		140			140
		130			130
		120			120
		110			110
		100			100
		90			90
		80			80
70			70		
60			60		
Capillary Refill		≥3 Seconds			≥3 Seconds
		<3 Seconds			<3 Seconds
Blood Pressure (mmHg) Systolic Blood Pressure is the trigger		120			120
		110			110
		100			100
		90			90
		80			80
		70			70
		60			60
		50			50
		40			40
		30			30
		20			20
		10			10
Initials					

Legend:   Increase Frequency of Observations      Clinical Review      Rapid Response

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**STANDARD PAEDIATRIC OBSERVATION CHART (SPOC)**

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Altered Calling Criteria

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Date					
Time					
DISABILITY	Level of Consciousness	Alert			Alert
		Verbal/Touch			Verbal/Touch
		Pain			Pain
		Unresponsive			Unresponsive
		Pain Score		Enter appropriate letter. A= Alert, V= Rousable only by voice or touch (consider GCS). P= Rousable only by central pain (conduct GCS). U= Unresponsive	
		Severe (7-10)			Severe (7-10)
		Moderate (4-6)			Moderate (4-6)
		Mild (1-3)			Mild (1-3)
		Nil			Nil
EXPOSURE	Temperature (°C) (Check unit policy)	41			41
		40.5			40.5
		40			40
		39.5			39.5
		39			39
		38.5			38.5
		38			38
		37.5			37.5
		37			37
		36.5			36.5
		36			36
		35.5			35.5
		35			35
		34.5			34.5
		34			34
BGL					BGL
Weight					Weight
Initials					

**CONSIDER EARLIER ESCALATION OF PATIENTS WITH**

- Chronic or complex conditions
- Post-operative
- Pre-Existing cardiac or respiratory conditions
- Opioid Infusions
- Prematurity
- Preterm or post-term neonates
- Congenital conditions

**ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR ESCALATION ON BACK PAGE**

**ASSESSMENT OF RESPIRATORY DISTRESS**

	MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE
Airway	• Stridor on exertion	• Stridor at rest • Partial Airway Obstruction	• New onset of Stridor • Imminent airway obstruction
Behaviour & Feeding	• Normal • Age appropriate vocalisation	• Irritability • Difficulty crying • Difficulty feeding or sucking	• Drowsy • Unable to cry • Unable to feed or suck
Respiratory Rate	• Mildly Increased	• Respiratory rate in the yellow zone	• Respiratory rate in the red zone • Decreasing (exhaustion)
Accessory Muscle Use	• None /Minimal	• Moderate recession • Tracheal Tug • Nasal Flaring • Head bobbing	• Severe Recession • Gasping • Grunting • Extreme Pallor • Cyanosis • Absent Breath Sounds
Apnoeic Episodes	• None	• Abnormal pauses in breathing	• Apnoeic episodes
Oxygen	• No oxygen requirement	• Commencement of oxygen • Increasing Oxygen requirement	• Hypoxaemia, may not be corrected by oxygen

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Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Under 3 months**

**OTHER CHARTS IN USE**

<input type="checkbox"/> Fluid Balance	<input type="checkbox"/> Insulin Infusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/> Pain / Epidural / Patient Control Analgesia	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Neurovascular	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth centile / growth chart	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding chart	<input type="checkbox"/> Apnoea chart	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

**VARIATIONS TO FREQUENCY OF OBSERVATIONS**

Date							
Time							
Frequency Required							
Medical or Rapid Response Officer Name							
Signature							

**ALTERATIONS TO CALLING CRITERIA**  
(MUST BE REVIEWED WITHIN 48 HOURS OR EARLIER IF CLINICALLY INDICATED)  
Any alteration MUST be signed by a Medical Officer and confirmed by the Attending Medical Officer

Date							
Time							
Next review - date & time							
Respiratory Rate							
SpO <sub>2</sub>							
Heart Rate							
Other							
Medical Officer name							
Medical Officer signature							
Attending Medical Officer signature							

**INTERVENTIONS/COMMENTS**

	DATE	TIME	
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			

STANDARD PAEDIATRIC OBSERVATION CHART UNDER 3 MONTHS SMR110.020

THESE INSTRUCTIONS EXPLAIN WHEN TO MAKE A CLINICAL REVIEW OR RAPID RESPONSE CALL, YOUR LOCAL ESCALATION PROTOCOL WILL EXPLAIN HOW TO MAKE A CALL

**Blue Zone Actions**

**IF A CHILD HAS ANY ONE (1) BLUE ZONE CRITERION PRESENT YOU MUST INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF OBSERVATIONS AS CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE, AND**

- You **MUST** initiate appropriate clinical care
- Manage anxiety, pain and review oxygenation in consultation with the nurse in charge
- You may call for a Clinical Review or Rapid Response at any time if worried about a patient or are unsure whether to call

**You should also consider**

- Whether abnormal observations reflect deterioration in your patient
- What is usual for your patient or if there are altered calling criteria (see front of chart)
- Whether there is an adverse trend in observations

**Additional Yellow Zone Criteria**

- Increasing oxygen requirement
- Poor peripheral circulation
- Greater than expected fluid loss
- Reduced urine output or anuria (<1 ml/kg/hr)
- BGL 2-3mmol/L
- Altered mental state: Agitation, or Inconsolable
- New onset of fever > 38.5°C
- New, increasing or uncontrolled pain
- Concern by any staff or family member

**IF A CHILD HAS ANY ONE (1) OR MORE CLINICAL REVIEW CRITERIA PRESENT, YOU MUST CONSULT PROMPTLY WITH THE NURSE IN CHARGE AND ASSESS WHETHER A CLINICAL REVIEW IS NEEDED (REFER TO YOUR LOCAL PROTOCOL) AND**

- You **MUST** Initiate appropriate clinical care
  - Repeat and record observations as indicated by the patient's condition, but at least within 30 minutes
  - If you called for a Clinical Review and it has not been attended within 30 minutes, you **MUST** ACTIVATE YOUR LOCAL RAPID RESPONSE
  - If the patient's observations enter the **RED** Zone while you are waiting for a Clinical Review, you **MUST** ACTIVATE YOUR LOCAL RAPID RESPONSE (See below)
  - You may call for a Clinical Review or Rapid Response at any time if you are worried about a patient or are unsure whether to call.
- You should also consider**
- Whether abnormal observations reflect deterioration in your patient
  - What is usual for your patient or if there are altered calling criteria (see front of chart)
  - Whether there is an adverse trend in observations

**Additional Red Zone Criteria**

- New onset of stridor
- Respiratory arrest
- Cardiac arrest or circulatory collapse
- Significant bleeding
- Sudden decrease in level of consciousness of ≥2 points on GCS
- BGL < 2mmol/L or symptomatic
- New or prolonged seizure activity
- 3 or more simultaneous 'Yellow Zone' observations
- Deterioration not reversed within 1 hour of Clinical Review
- Patient deteriorates further before, during or after Clinical Review
- Serious concern by any staff or family member

**IF A CHILD HAS ANY ONE (1) RED ZONE CRITERION PRESENT, CALL FOR A RAPID RESPONSE (REFER TO YOUR LOCAL ESCALATION PROTOCOL) AND**

- You **MUST** initiate appropriate clinical care
- Inform the Nurse in Charge
- Repeat observations as indicated by patient's condition

**CHECK THE CLINICAL RECORD FOR ADVANCE CARE DIRECTIVES OR ALTERATIONS TO CALLING CRITERIA WHICH MAY AFFECT WHETHER A CLINICAL REVIEW OR RAPID RESPONSE CALL IS INDICATED**

**DOCUMENTATION**

- Write interventions on the front of the chart under 'interventions'
- Write treatment, escalation process, and outcome in the clinical record
- Write date, signature and designation with each entry

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