



NSW GOVERNMENT Health

**PAEDIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OBSERVATION CHART**

**3 - 12 MONTHS**

Altered Calling Criteria

ALL OBSERVATIONS MUST BE GRAPHED COMPLETE ALL DETAILS OR AFFIX PATIENT LABEL HERE

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MRN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GIVEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  MALE  FEMALE  
 D.O.B. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ M.O. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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 talking or crying • Difficulty feeding or eating	• Drowsy • Unable to talk or cry • Unable to feed or eat
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	• Severe recession • Gaspings • Grunting • Extreme pallor • Cyanosis • Absent breath sounds
Apnoeic Episodes	• None	• Abnormal pauses in breathing	• Apnoeic episodes
Oxygen	• No oxygen requirement	• Mild hypoxaemia, corrected by oxygen • Increasing oxygen requirement	• Hypoxaemia, may not be corrected by oxygen

**PAIN SCORE - SELF ASSESSMENT**

No Hurt Hurts Little Bit Hurts Little More Hurts Even More Hurts Whole Lot Hurts Worst

0 2 4 6 8 10

**PAIN SCORE - FLACC PAIN SCALE (BEHAVIOURAL)**

	Score 0	Score 1	Score 2
<b>FACE</b>	No Particular expression or smile	Occasional grimace or frown	Frequent to constant frown, clenched jaw, quivering chin
<b>LEGS</b>	Normal position or Relaxed	Uneasy, Restless, Tense	Kicking, or Legs drawn up
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Lying quietly normal position - moves easily	Squirming Shifting back / forth / tense	Arched Rigid or jerking
<b>CRY</b>	No Cry (Awake or Asleep)	Moans or Whimpers Occasional Complaints	Crying Steadily Screams or Sobs Frequent Complaints
<b>CONSOLABILITY</b>	Content Relaxed	Reassured by occasional touching, hugging or talking to distractible	Difficult to console or comfort

This score chart is used for the non-verbal child - adding the scores of each of the five points together from 1 - 10

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**ALTERATIONS TO CALLING CRITERIA**

Any alterations MUST be signed by a Senior Emergency Department Medical Officer  
 Document rationale for altering **CALLING CRITERIA** in the patient's health care record

DATE:	dd/MM/yy				
TIME:	hh:mm				
Next review due Date & Time	dd/MM/yy	hh:mm			
Yellow Zone	xx-xx				
Red Zone	≤ or ≥ xx				
Yellow Zone					
Red Zone					
Yellow Zone					
Red Zone					
Yellow Zone					
Red Zone					
Medical Officer Name (BLOCK letters)	P. SMITH				
Medical Officer Signature	P. SMITH				

**ADMISSION CHECK**

Name Band:  Allergy Band: Yes  N/A  Weight (Kg): \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTING PROBLEM: \_\_\_\_\_

PROTOCOL COMMENCED: \_\_\_\_\_

IMMUNISATIONS UTD: Yes  No  Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Person responsible: Relationship: Phone No:  
 Notified: Yes  No  Cannot be contacted

2. Person responsible: Relationship: Phone No:  
 Notified: Yes  No  Cannot be contacted

Valuables returned to the person responsible: Yes  No  N/A

Interpreter required: No  Yes  Specific language: \_\_\_\_\_

Nurse (BLOCK LETTERS): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**INJURY / NEGLECT RISK ASSESSMENT / SCREEN**

1. Inappropriate delay in presentation?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Injury not explained? Injury not consistent with the stated cause?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Injury not consistent with this child's development?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Child under 12 months (or non-mobile) with fracture or bruising?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Recurrent injuries or ingestions?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Behaviour of parents / carers inappropriate?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are there any signs of neglect and/or a failure to follow medical advice?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

If YES to any answer, CONSULT AND ACTIVATE LOCAL CHILD PROTECTION RESPONSE / PROCEDURE  
 Refer to the MANDATORY REPORTER GUIDE

Referral made to: \_\_\_\_\_

ED Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ED Staff Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

ED Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEDICAL ADMISSION AT TIME OF ACCEPTANCE OF CARE**

**PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS:**

Attending Medical Officer's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Delegate's name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accepted care of patient Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinical plan explained to patient / carer Yes   
 Clinical plan documented in progress notes Yes

Admission completed by:  
 ED Medical Officer name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ED Medical Officer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAEDIATRIC DEPARTURE CHECKLIST - ED TO WARD / OTHER FACILITY**

NURSING	MEDICAL
Verified that all documentation is complete	Medical handover given Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
• Admission/Transfer forms/eMR Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Outstanding results and actions handed over:
• Medications charted Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	1. _____
• Analgesia charted Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	2. _____
• IV fluids charted Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	3. _____
• Fluid balance up to date <input type="checkbox"/>	4. _____
• Progress notes up to date <input type="checkbox"/>	5. _____
• Risk assessments completed <input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Officer accepting care name: _____
Diet: Eat & Drink <input type="checkbox"/> Nil By Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> IVT <input type="checkbox"/> NG <input type="checkbox"/>	ED Medical Officer providing Handover Name: _____
Infection status (incl. recent contact): _____	Sign: _____
Precautions / Isolation required Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Date: _____
Specify: Contact precautions / Respiratory _____	Time: _____
Parents / Guardian aware of transfer Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
Patient belongings sent to ward Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Medication sent to ward Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ward accepting care: _____	
Ward Nurse Accepting care: _____	
ED Nurse Transferring name: _____	
ED Nurse transferring sign: _____	

**PAEDIATRIC DEPARTURE CHECKLIST - ED TO USUAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE**

Cannula / ID band removed Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Discharge in care of parents/guardian Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Discharge / referral letter Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Education / Fact sheet Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Discharge prescription Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Clothes / belongings Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

**AUTHORISATION FOR PAEDIATRIC DEPARTURE FROM ED**

Observations within the last hour Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Alterations to calling criteria documented Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the patient 'Between the Flags' Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency for observations documented Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, clinical reason and plan is documented and signed <input type="checkbox"/>	

**SENIOR ED NURSE**

Authorised as safe for departure Yes

Name (BLOCK LETTERS): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL AUTHORISATION**

Authorised as safe for departure Yes

Name (BLOCK LETTERS): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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