

## RECOGNISING AND RESPONDING TO ACUTE DETERIORATION PREHOSPITAL CLINICAL ESCALATION AND ACTIONS PARAMEDIC

<b>ALL PATIENTS EWS 0-4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A-E assessment at first practical opportunity</li> <li>• Full set of observations</li> <li>• Regular observations - increase frequency of observations if EWS increasing</li> <li>• Document all assessments, actions, and outcome</li> </ul>
<b>AMBER ESCALATION EWS 5-6</b> Or any <b>single observation in RED (score 3) area</b> Or any clinical trigger not immediately correctable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing oxygen requirement</li> <li>• Poor peripheral circulation</li> <li>• BSL &lt; 4mmol/l or &gt;20mmol/l with no decrease in level of consciousness</li> <li>• Concern by attending clinician</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-assess A-E and initiate appropriate clinical care</li> <li>• Consider sepsis using appropriate sepsis screening tool</li> <li>• Increase observation frequency</li> </ul>
<i>Acute illness or unstable chronic disease, at risk of deterioration</i>	
<b>RED ESCALATION EWS 7+</b> Or any clinical trigger not immediately correctable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partial airway obstruction or stridor</li> <li>• Increasing oxygen requirements to maintain oxygen saturation &gt;90%</li> <li>• Only responds to pain on AVPU scale</li> <li>• Sudden decrease in level of consciousness (drop of 2 or more points on GCS)</li> <li>• BSL &lt; 4mmol/l or &gt; 20mmol/l with decrease in level of consciousness</li> <li>• Serious concern by clinician</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-assess A-E and initiate appropriate clinical care</li> <li>• Continuous cardiac monitoring where available and pulse oximetry along with increased frequency of observations.</li> <li>• Consider sepsis using appropriate sepsis screening tool</li> <li>• Consider Priority 1 transport</li> <li>• Consider requirement for additional resources</li> </ul>
<i>Likely to deteriorate rapidly</i>	
<b>EMERGENCY ESCALATION</b> Any <b>single observation in PURPLE (E) area</b> Or any clinical trigger not immediately correctable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiac or respiratory arrest</li> <li>• Complete airway obstruction</li> <li>• Patient unresponsive</li> <li>• Generalised seizure activity</li> <li>• Serious uncontrollable haemorrhage</li> <li>• Any other time critical event of serious concern to clinician</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-assess A-E and initiate appropriate resuscitative care</li> <li>• Priority 1 transport if not correctable</li> <li>• Consider requirement for additional resources</li> </ul>
<i>Immediately life-threatening critical illness</i>	