

Hospital Name:

Ward:

Woman's Name:

Date of Birth:

Healthcare Record No:

Addressograph

Irish Maternity Early Warning System (IMEWS)

Escalation Guide

Chart A | Version 2.0

IMPORTANT

- If concerned about a woman, escalate care regardless of vital signs.
- Complete a full set of vital signs and record on the IMEWS chart.
- Communicate any triggers to the midwife/nurse in charge.
- Implement the clinical management plans without delay.
- Document the management plan and communication details in the clinical notes.
- Any changes in the standard recording of the vital signs should be written by the doctor in the clinical records.

1 YELLOW

Repeat full set of observations on IMEWS after 30 and before 60 minutes.

2 YELLOWS OR 1 PINK

Call the obstetrician to review.
Repeat a full set of observations after 30 minutes.

>2 YELLOWS OR >1 PINK

Call the obstetrician and request immediate review.
Repeat a full set of observations within 15 minutes or monitor continuously.

The ISBAR communication tool should be used when communicating information in relation to deteriorating and/or critically ill women.

ISBAR

Communication Tool

Identify – Yourself, the recipient, the woman

Situation – Why are you calling? IMEWS triggers? Clinical Concern?

Background – What is the relevant background?

Assessment – What do you think is the problem?

Recommendation – What do you want them to do?



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Document Number
(eg. 1, 2):

Booking BP:

Gestation at
Booking (weeks):

Booking BMI:

Date of
Admission:

DD/MM/YY

Large BP Cuff
(Y/N):

Contact appropriate doctor for early intervention if the woman triggers one **PINK** or two **YELLOW** zones at any one time

	Date :																		
	Time :																		
Resp. Rate per min	≥25																	≥25	
	20-24																	20-24	
	11-19																	11-19	
	≤10																	≤10	
SpO ₂ only if Resp. Rate Triggers	96-100%																	96-100%	
	≤95%																	≤95%	
Temp °C	≥38.0																	≥38.0	
	37.5-37.9																	37.5-37.9	
	36.0-37.4																	36.0-37.4	
	35.1-35.9																	35.1-35.9	
	≤35.0																	≤35.0	
Maternal Heart Rate	120																	120	
	110																	110	
	100																	100	
	90																	90	
	80																	80	
	70																	70	
	60																	60	
	50																	50	
Systolic Blood Pressure	170																	170	
	160																	160	
	150																	150	
	140																	140	
	130																	130	
	120																	120	
	110																	110	
	100																	100	
	90																	90	
	80																	80	
	70																	70	
Diastolic Blood Pressure	110																	110	
	100																	100	
	90																	90	
	80																	80	
	70																	70	
	60																	60	
	50																	50	
	40																	40	
Urine	Protein																	Protein	
	Glucose																	Glucose	
	Other																	Other	
Pain Score 0-10																		Pain Score	
AVPU Neuro Response	Alert (A)																	A	
	Voice (V)																	V	
	Pain (P)																	P	
	Unresponsive (U)																	U	
Total Yellow Zones																		Total yellow zones	
Total Pink Zones																		Total pink zones	
Initials																		Initials	