The Irish Paediatric Early Warning System



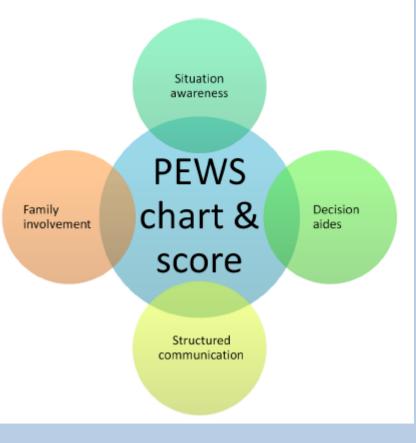




Top Tips for Safe Use

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PEWS is designed to capture, highlight and combine clinical observations into a score that helps predict children at risk of deterioration.

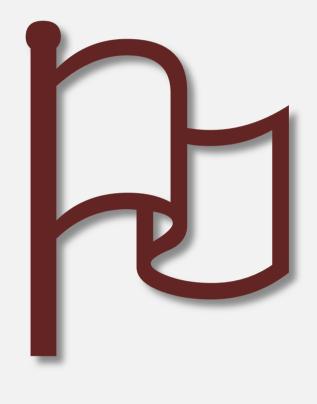
In order to utilise this important clinical information, clinical judgement must be applied to interpret it.

Here we present key premises to ensure PEWS is used and interpreted safely to prevent child clinical deterioration.



Paediatric EARLY Warning System

- Any score is an abnormal score
- Improved situation awareness
- Earlier opportunity to rescue



Use clinical judgement

- Treat the child, not the score
- Monitor trends in vital signs and PEWS scoring



Variance Use

- Engage with the child and family
- Document all decisions clearly

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- Parents/carers know their child best
- Use Listening to You resources
- Ask about concern



Escalation Pathway

- Escalate concerns quickly
- Monitor closely for safe

use

- Clinical judgement + PEWS score
- Escalation higher or lower as
 - required
- Seek senior colleague advice
- **Record decisions**



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