



# National Early Warning Score Deteriorating Patient Management Flow Chart

## Initial Assessment - **A B C D E**

Problems with  
**A**irway  
**B**reathing  
**C**irculation  
**D**eterioration - Neurological  
**E** - Pyrexia/Hypothermia

**EWS 3**

Notify Nurse in Charge & Team / On-Call SHO

### Initial Management

Consider: Oxygen  
Airway Adjuncts  
IV access  
Blood Sugar Level

**EWS 4-6**

**Call For Help**

**Team / On-Call SHO**

**EWS 7**

**Team / On-Call Registrar**

**Patient Improving**

Yes

No

**Do you have  
a diagnosis?**

**Yes**

**Definitive  
Management Plan**

**No**

- **Special Investigations**
- **Inform /Team/On-Call Consultant**
- **Plan to transfer to higher level of care**
- **Activate Emergency Response System if required**

**Definitive Care**

## Important

1. If response is not carried out as above, CNM/Nurse in charge must contact the Registrar or Consultant.
2. If you are concerned about a patient, escalate care regardless of score.