Obstetric Early Warning Score Chart - Maternity Use Only

Addressograph Label

Name _____

Consultant _____

Hosp No. _____

Month _____

Year _____

Ward _____

Booking BP _____ **mmHg**

BMI _____ **Kg/m²**

HSC Health and Social Care

Please tick below

Early Pregnancy ☐

A/N ☐

P/N ☐

Date:																												
Frequency of Obs:																												
Time 24hr clock:																												
Resps	>30																											>30
	21-30																											21-30
	10-20																											10-20
	<10																											<10
% O_2 Saturation	91-100%																											91-100
	≤90%																											≤90
Inspired O_2/RA	%																											%
Temp	39																											39
	38																											38
	37																											37
	36																											36
	35																											35
Heart Rate	150																											150
	140																											140
	130																											130
	120																											120
	110																											110
	100																											100
	90																											90
	80																											80
	70																											70
	60																											60
	50																											50
	40																											40
Systolic Blood Pressure	190																											190
	180																											180
	170																											170
	160																											160
	150																											150
	140																											140
	130																											130
	120																											120
	110																											110
	100																											100
	90																											90
	80																											80
	70																											70
	60																											60
	50																											50
Diastolic Blood Pressure	130																											130
	120																											120
	110																											110
	100																											100
	90																											90
	80																											80
	70																											70
	60																											60
	50																											50
	40																											40
Early Pregnancy PV blood loss	No																											No
	Yes																											Yes
Amniotic Fluid If ROM	Clear																											Clear
	Pink/red/green																											Pink/red/green
	Offensive																											Offensive
	Odourless																											Odourless
A/N PV Bleed	Brown																											Brown
	Red																											Red
A/N Uterine Tone	Normal																											Normal
	Tense																											Tense
Lochia	Normal																											Normal
	Trickle																											Trickle
	Heavy or Foul																											Heavy or Foul
P/N Uterine Tone	Contracted																											Contracted
	High Fundus																											High Fundus
	Relaxed/Atonic																											Relaxed/Atonic
Wound – Ooze/red/swollen /pain	Yes																											Yes
	No																											No
Neuro Response	Alert																											Alert
	Voice																											Voice
	Pain																											Pain
	Unresponsive																											Unresponsive
Pain Score	0-1																											0-1
	2-3																											2-3
Nausea	0-1																											0-1
	2-3																											2-3
Looks Unwell	No																											No
	Yes																											Yes
Total Yellow Scores:																												**NA** – Not applicable
Total Red Scores:																												
Signature (initials):																												

Adapted from the Belfast Trust OEWS Chart September 2013

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ACTION PROTOCOL

The Early Warning Scoring System and Action Protocol are designed to help identify deterioration in the woman and ensure appropriate early intervention. All action taken **must** be fully documented in case notes. Staff should use their clinical judgement, and seek advice if they have concerns about any woman, regardless of the score.

If an OEWS chart is being commenced in a freestanding midwife led unit the parent obstetric unit needs to be informed and transfer protocols commenced

White Only

- Continue observations as before

Single Yellow

- Inform the Midwife/Nurse in Charge
- Recheck observations in 1 hour (or more frequently if clinically indicated)

≥ 2 Yellow or 1 Red

- Inform Midwife/Nurse in Charge
- Immediately contact the on-call obstetric SHO/Reg, using a structured communication approach e.g SBAR, to review the woman **within 30 minutes**.
- Recheck observations in 30 minutes (or more frequently if clinically indicated)

2 Red

- Inform Midwife/Nurse in Charge
- Immediately contact the on-call obstetric SHO/Reg, using a structured communication approach e.g SBAR, to review the woman **within 20 minutes**.
- Recheck observations in 15 minutes (or more frequently if clinically indicated)

> 2 Red

- Inform Midwife/Nurse in charge
- Immediately contact the on-call obstetric Reg, using a structured communication approach e.g SBAR, to review the woman **within 20 minutes**.
- Discuss with Obstetric Consultant/Tutor
- Repeat observations in 15 minutes (or more frequently if clinically indicated)

Consider calling other specialties or Emergency Obstetric Team as appropriate

Interventions / Investigations

Airway – Breathing – Circulation

If appropriate, sit upright and administer oxygen

Consider need for IV access, review observation chart, fluid balance, hourly urometer, drug prescription chart and level of monitoring

Consider need for 12 lead ECG, Chest X-ray, arterial blood gas, CBC, U&E, Coag screen

Observations explanation

Pain Score	Nausea Score
0 = none	0 = no nausea
1 = a little	1 = mild nausea
2 = moderate	2 = severe nausea
3 = severe	3 = vomiting

P.V Loss

A standard maternity pad:

Partially stained = 30mls
Saturated to capacity =100mls

A single absorbent incontinence pad (75x57cms):

Saturated will hold 250mls of blood.

Surgical Swabs:

Saturated small surgical swab (10cmsx10cms) = 60mls
Saturated large surgical swab (45cmsx45cms) =350mls

A standard kidney dish:

Holds 500mls of blood

In Major cases consider weighing swabs

Ref: Bose P. Regan F. Paterson-Brown S. (2006) Improving the accuracy of estimated blood loss at obstetric haemorrhage using clinical reconstructions. British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology