

# **Completing the Obstetric Early Warning Scoring Chart**

## **What sections need to be completed?**

All sections to be completed and include either; A/N, P/N, or EP

Please tick below	
Early Pregnancy	<input type="checkbox"/>
A/N	<input type="checkbox"/>
P/N	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **What if a section is not applicable?**

Insert NA within box provided

**The acceptable methods for completion of the track and trigger chart are:**

### **Respiratory Rate**

You must document the number. For example, you would write '22' in the yellow column

### **Oxygen Saturation**

You must document the number. For example, you would write '89' in the red column

### **Oxygen**

If you perform a set of observations you must document on the chart in the space provided if oxygen is delivered. This must always include the percentage oxygen

If the woman is on air you must document this instead of an oxygen percentage. Do not leave the oxygen section blank. Room Air = RA

### **Temperature**

A ● should be inserted to aid viewing and connect dots with straight lines. (If abnormal a numerical value may also be documented)

### **Heart rate**

This should be documented as a ● Please take care to keep the chart legible and connect dots with straight lines (not illegible comma shapes). (If abnormal a numerical value may also be documented)

## **Blood Pressure**

### **Graphic trend using arrows**

You document this with an upward arrow ( ^ ) at the systolic and a downward arrow ( v ) at diastolic, joined by a dotted line so you have a graphic trend. (If abnormal a numerical value may also be documented)

**Please note that the systolic and diastolic BP are recorded separately due to the different parameters for these within pregnant patients. Both are used as triggers.**

**Early Pregnancy** **A/N** **P/N**

Tick appropriate boxes in relevant section only

## **Neuro Response**

Tick the appropriate box that applies to the woman using AVPU

## **Pain Score**

Tick the appropriate box which applies to the woman. The pain score is explained on the back of the EWS chart.

## **Nausea**

Tick the appropriate box which applies to the woman. The nausea score is explained on the back of the EWS chart.

## **Looks Unwell**

Use your clinical judgement and tick the appropriate box.

## **Early Warning Scores**

Calculate and record the total number of yellow and/or red scores.

You must always have a score documented.

If EWS does trigger follow the action protocol documented on the back page of the chart and record in the case notes.

You are expected to report if you have any clinical concerns irrespective of the EWS score.

## **Signature**

Each insert/record must be initialled and signature/initials must also be recorded in signatory list in case notes