

Wellington Early Warning Score Escalation Pathway

ZONE	Indicator		Mandatory Action	SCORE
YELLOW	Any vital sign in the yellow zone or total EWS 1-5	➤	Manage pain, fever or distress. Increase frequency of vital sign monitoring	1
ORANGE	Any vital sign in the orange zone or total EWS 6-7 Acute illness or unstable chronic disease	➤	House officer review within 60 minutes. Discuss with nurse in charge and inform PAR nurse. Increase frequency of vital signs monitoring.	2
RED	Any vital sign in the red zone or total EWS 8-9 Likely to deteriorate rapidly	➤	Registrar review within 20 minutes & consider ICU referral. Inform PAR nurse, house officer and nurse in charge. Increase frequency of vital signs monitoring.	3
BLUE	Any vital sign in the blue zone or total EWS 10 or more Immediately life threatening critical illness	➤	Dial 777, state 'Medical Emergency Team' & give your location. Support Airway, Breathing & Circulation	MET