

CHEWS Scoring and Escalation Algorithm

	0	1	2	3
Behavior/Neuro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playing/sleeping appropriately OR - Alert, at patient's baseline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sleepy, somnolent when not disturbed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Irritable, difficult to console OR - Increase in patient's baseline seizure activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lethargic, confused, floppy OR - Reduced response to pain OR - Prolonged or frequent seizures OR - Pupils asymmetrical or sluggish
Cardiovascular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skin tone appropriate for patient - Capillary refill \leq 2 seconds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pale OR - Capillary refill 3-4 seconds OR - Mild tachycardia OR - Intermittent ectopy or irregular HR (not new) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grey OR - Capillary refill 4-5 seconds OR - Moderate tachycardia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grey and mottled OR - Capillary refill $>$ 5 seconds OR - Severe tachycardia OR - New onset bradycardia OR - New onset/increase in ectopy, irregular HR or heart block
Respiratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Within normal parameters - No retractions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mild tachypnea/ increased WOB (flaring, retracting) OR - Up to 40% supplemental oxygen OR - Up to 1L NC $>$ patient's baseline need OR - Mild desaturations $<$ patient's baseline OR - Intermittent apnea self-resolving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderate tachypnea/ increased WOB (i.e. flaring, retracting, grunting, use of accessory muscles) OR - 40-60% oxygen via mask OR - 1-2 L NC $>$ patient's baseline need OR - Nebs Q 1-2 hour OR - Moderate desaturations $<$ patient's baseline OR - Apnea requiring repositioning or stimulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Severe tachypnea OR - RR $<$ normal for age OR - Severe increased WOB (i.e. head bobbing, paradoxical breathing) OR - $>$ 60% oxygen via mask OR - $>$ 2 L NC more than patient's baseline need OR - Nebs Q 30 minutes – 1 hour OR - Severe desaturations $<$ patient's baseline OR - Apnea requiring interventions other than repositioning or stimulation
Staff Concern		- Concerned		
Family Concern		- Concerned or absent		

Green = Score 0-2	Yellow = Score 3-4	Red = Score 5-11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue Routine Assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notify charge nurse or LIP - Discuss treatment plan with team - Consider higher level of care - Increase frequency of vital signs / CHEWS / assessments - Document interventions and notifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activate Rapid Response Team or appropriate personnel per unit standard for bedside evaluation - Notify attending physician - Discuss treatment plan with team - Increase frequency of vital signs / CHEWS / assessments - Document interventions and notifications

A PEDIATRIC CODE CAN BE ACTIVATED AT ANYTIME BY ANYONE
Use SBAR communication

Reference: McLellan, M.C., et al., Validation of the Children's Hospital Early Warning System for Critical Deterioration Recognition, Journal of Pediatric Nursing (2016), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.pedn.2016.10.005>