

CHAPTER 19 ANNEX A : AN EXAMPLE OF AN OBSTETRIC EARLY WARNING CHART. REPRODUCED WITH THE KIND PERMISSION OF ABERDEEN MATERNITY HOSPITAL (ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED BY STIRLING ROYAL INFIRMARY. THIS HAS BEEN PRESENTED AT THE OBSTETRIC ANAESTHETISTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING IN GLASGOW (MAY, 2006)¹



OBSTETRIC EARLY WARNING CHART (FOR MATERNITY USE ONLY)

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Ward: _____

CONTACT DOCTOR FOR EARLY INTERVENTION IF PATIENT TRIGGERS ONE RED OR TWO YELLOW SCORES AT ANY ONE TIME

Date :																				
Time :																				
RESP (write rate in corresp. box)	>30																			>30
	21-30																			21-30
	11-20																			11-20
	0-10																			0-10
Saturations	95-100%																			11-20
	<95%																			95-100%
Administered O ₂ (L/min.)																				%
Temp	39																			39
	38																			38
	37																			37
	36																			36
	35																			35
HEART RATE	170																			170
	160																			160
	150																			150
	140																			140
	130																			130
	120																			120
	110																			110
	100																			100
	90																			90
	80																			80
	40																			40
Systemic blood pressure	200																			200
	190																			190
	180																			180
	170																			170
	160																			160
	150																			150
	140																			140
	130																			130
	120																			120
	110																			110
	100																			100
	90																			90
	80																			80
	50																			50
	Diastolic blood pressure	130																		
120																				120
110																				110
100																				100
90																				90
80																				80
70																				70
60																				60
50																				50
40																				40
URINE	passed (Y/N)																			passed (Y/N)
Proteinuria	protein ++																			protein ++
	protein > ++																			protein > ++
Amniotic fluid	Clear/Pink																			Clear/Pink
	Green																			Green
NEURO RESPONSE (✓)	Alert																			Alert
	Voice																			Voice
	Pain																			Pain
	Unresponsive																			Unresponsive
Pain Score (no.)	0-1																			0-1
	2-3																			2-3
Lochia	Normal																			Normal
	Heavy / Fresh / Offensive																			Heavy / Fresh / Offensive
Looks unwell	NO (✓)																			YES (✓)
	YES (✓)																			NO (✓)
Total Yellow Scores																				
Total Red Scores																				

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