

How to calculate a score

- Record observations at prescribed intervals – Respiratory rate, SaO² (in air)*, Temperature, Heart Rate, Level of consciousness using APVU A=Alert, V= response to voice, P= response to Pain and U= unresponsive; Blood Pressure and Capillary Refill Time (CRT).
- As it may be inappropriate to stop oxygen administration each time a PEWS is performed, a record of O² saturation in air should only be taken at a frequency determined by the clinician directing the child's care. At all other times the child should continue in oxygen and an additional score of 1 added to their calculated PEWS. See PEWS chart. Appendix 1.
- If a particular measure (e.g. temperature, blood pressure) is not clinically indicated, this should be documented with an 'X' in the row provided on the PEWS chart.
- Add points scored and record the total PEWS in the appropriate box.