

APPENDIX E: NHS OBSTETRIC EARLY WARNING CHART

AN EXAMPLE OF AN OBSTETRIC EARLY WARNING CHART. REPRODUCED WITH THE KIND PERMISSION OF DR. FIONA MCILVENEY (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
	70										70
60										60	
50										50	
40										40	
Systolic 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	
70										70	
60										60	
50										50	
Diastolic blood pressure	130										130
	120										120
	110										110
	100										100
	90										90
	80										80
	70										70
	60										60
	50										50
	40										40
	URINE	passed (Y/N)									
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										Heavy / Fresh
	Offensive										Offensive
Looks unwell	NO (✓)										YES (✓)
	YES (✓)										NO (✓)
Total Yellow Scores											
Total Red Scores											

Requests for copies of the original chart in MS Excel format may be made to Dr Fiona McIlveney at: Fiona.McIlveney@hsh.scot.nhs.uk

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