

Paediatric Observation Priority Score (POPS) Chart

This chart is not a substitute for good clinical judgement and any concerns about the condition of a child should be brought to the attention of a senior nurse or doctor

Age	Score	2	1	0	1	2	Total Score	Priority
Any	Sats	<90%	90-94%	>95%	90-94%	<90%	0-1	
Any	Breathing	Stridor	Audible grunt or wheeze	No distress	Mild or Moderate Recession	Severe Recession		
Any	AVPU	Pain	Voice	Alert	Voice	Pain		
Any	Gut Feeling	High level concern	Low level concern	Well	Low level concern	Child looks unwell		
Any	Other	Oncology Patient	Significant PMH*		Significant PMH*	Congenital heart disease		
0-1	Pulse	<90	90 - 109	110 - 160	161 - 180	180+	4-7	
	RR	<25	25 - 29	30 - 40	41 - 50	50+		
	Temp	<35°	35 - 35.9°	36 - 37.5°	37.6 - 39°	39°+		
1-2	Pulse	<90	90 - 99	100 - 150	151 - 170	170+		
	RR	<20	20 - 24	25 - 35	36 - 50	50+		
	Temp	<35°	35 - 35.9°	36 - 37.9°	38.0 - 40°	40°+		
2-4	Pulse	<80	80 - 94	95 - 140	141 - 160	160+	8+	Immediate review
	RR	<20	20 - 24	25 - 30	31 - 40	40+		
	Temp	<35°	35 - 35.9°	36 - 37.9°	38.0 - 40°	40°+		
5-12	Pulse	<70	70 - 79	80 - 110	111 - 150	150+		
	RR	<15	15 - 19	20 - 25	26 - 40	40+		
	Temp	<35°	35 - 35.9°	36 - 37.9°	38.0 - 40°	40°+		
13-16	Pulse	<50	50 - 59	60 - 100	101 - 110	110+		
	RR	<12	12 - 14	15 - 20	21 - 25	25+		
	Temp	<35°	35 - 35.9°	36 - 37.9°	38.0 - 40°	40°+		

Any child scoring above 8 should be considered for transfer to resus

*Significant PMH includes:

- Ex-premature
- Syndromic conditions
- Cardiac problems
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Long term steroids
- All other chronic conditions