

## Pediatric Early Warning Score (PEWS)

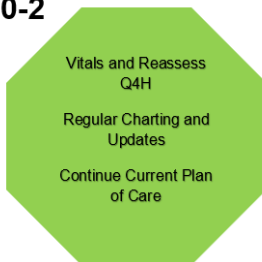
The Pediatric Early Warning Score uses vital signs to assess the likelihood of your child's condition getting seriously worse. The doctor should be called for any score of 3 or above.

Table 1.1	0	1	2	3	Score
<b>Cardiovascular</b>	Pink <b>or</b> capillary refill 1-2 seconds.	Pale <b>or</b> capillary refill 3 seconds.	Grey <b>or</b> capillary refill 4 seconds.  Tachycardia of 20 above normal rate.	Grey and mottled <b>or</b> capillary refill $\geq 5$ seconds.  Tachycardia of 30 above normal rate <b>or</b> bradycardia.	
<b>Respiratory</b>	Within established baseline.  No retractions  Room Air	$\geq 10$ above established baseline.  Mild Contractions  Up to 2L/min <b>or</b> 30%	$\geq 20$ above established baseline.  Moderate Contractions  Up to 4L/min <b>or</b> 40%	$\geq 30$ above established baseline.  Severe Contractions  Grunting  Up to 5L/min <b>or</b> 50%	
<b>Behavior</b>	Playing/Appropriate <b>or</b> Sleeping	Irritable, but Consolable	Irritable and Inconsolable  Restless <b>or</b> Pain	Lethargic <b>or</b> Confused  Reduced Response to Voice <b>or</b> Pain	
Score an additional 2pts for nebulizer use, suctioning, or persistent vomiting after surgery.					
				<b>Total</b>	

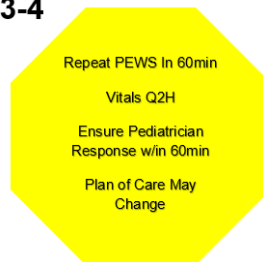
Table 1.2	Retraction Severity	
<b>Mild</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Severe</b>
Subcostal or Substernal	Intercostal or Supraclavicular	Suprasternal or Sternal

## SCORE

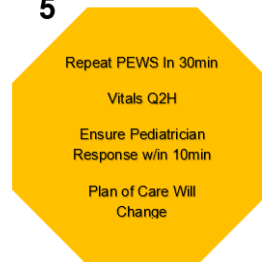
**0-2**



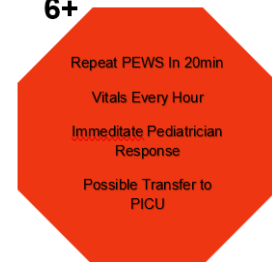
**3-4**



**5**



**6+**



Or calculate your child's score online at



MD CALC automatically calculates your child's score based on observations that do not need to be measured with instruments.

<https://www.mdcalc.com/calc/3901/pediatric-early-warning-score-pews#evidence>