

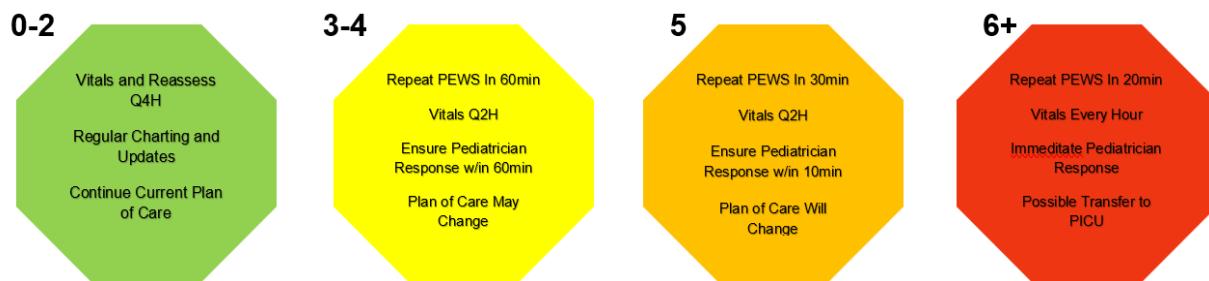
Pediatric Early Warning Score (PEWS)

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

Table 1.2 Retraction Severity		
Mild	Moderate	Severe
Subcostal or Substernal	Intercostal or Supraclavicular	Suprasternal or Sternal

SCORE



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>