

Maternal Early Warning Scores (MEWS)

Take and record a full set of vital signs at appropriate intervals.

Note the patient's vital signs and assessment relative to the early warning scores below.

Physiological parameters	Normal values	Yellow alert	Red Alert
Respirator rate	10-20 breaths per minute	21-30 breaths per minute	< 10 or >30 breaths per minute
Oxygen saturation	96-100%		< 95 %
Temperature	36.0-37.4°C	35-36 or 37.5- 38°C	< 35 or > 38°C
Systolic blood pressure	100-139 mmHg	150 – 180 or 90 – 100 mmHg	>180 or < 90 mmHg
Diastolic blood pressure	50-89 mmHg	90-100 mmHg	>100 mmHg
Heart rate	50-99 beats per minute	100- 120 or 40 -50 beats per minute	>120 or < 40 beats per minute
Neurological response	Alert	Voice	Unresponsive, pain

Proceed with recommended interventions based on the number and severity of alerts as below.

Note: If a care giver is concerned about the status of a patient, the medical provider should be notified irrespective of the early warning score.

