

Actions Taken From Amber And Red Observations

Observation Triggered Date/Time	Action Taken	Sign

Blood Sugars

DATE																				
TIME																				
BM																				
INSULIN RATE																				
SIGN																				

Standing Order for Patients in Pain

Observations:	Recovery – Every 5 minutes. 1-4 hours post recovery observations every 15 minutes then 4 hourly if stable.
Oxygen:	Must be given to all patients receiving opiates either by epidural or P.C.A. (see oxygen policy)
Naloxone:	Must be available in all areas where opiates are given
Cannula:	If one cannula in situ then a non-return valve must be used on the primary line to prevent a bolus occurring.
Respiration:	Observe respirations for one minute when patient is at rest
Respiratory Rate <10	Continue to monitor patient. Inform nurse in charge. Follow flow diagram. Call doctor if concerned.
Respiratory Rate <8	Call 2222. Stop opiate treatment. Give 15l oxygen re-breath bag and mask. Have Naloxone ready.

Pain Score: pain on movement

1. None	
2. Slight	
3. Moderate	May require treatment alteration or advice from acute pain service.
4. Severe	Requires action. Call acute pain team or doctor.

Daily Assessments

Date																				
Weight																				
Wound Assessment																				
Care Plan																				
TED Stockings																				
Peak flow																				
Bowels open																				
Nurse Sign																				

Forename		Surname	
Consultant		Hospital No.	
Ward	D.O.B	Age	

Adult Observation Chart

If you are concerned about the patient's condition you can call for medical assistance or Outreach at any time.

Green Observations
Continue established observations and treatment plan.

If any patient is seen to be in respiratory distress regardless of aetiology, administer 15L High flow Oxygen without prescription through a non re-breath bag and mask. This should be followed by an immediate call to the parent medical team or EMRT as appropriate.

1

Any One Amber Observation

- Check observations manually and inform Nurse in Charge.
- Take any appropriate actions as required / prescribed.
- Increase frequency of patient observations.
- Inform medical staff/Nurse Practitioner if concerned about patient.

2

Any Two Amber Observations

- Check observations manually and inform Nurse in Charge.
- Take any appropriate actions as required / prescribed.
- Bleep House Officer (HO)/Nurse Practitioner. Ask doctor or Nurse Practitioner to review patient within 30 minutes.
- Continue to monitor patient. Hourly observations and fluid balance until stable.

3

Any Three or More Amber Observations

- Check observations manually and inform Nurse in Charge.
- Take any appropriate actions as required / prescribed.
- Bleep Senior House Officer (SHO). Ask doctor to review immediately.
- If no medical review within 30 minutes inform registrar.
- Continually monitor patient with 30 minute observations until stable.

Any Red Observation
CALL E.M.R.T. now!
Call 2222

