

Adult Emergency Department Observation Chart

Guidance to the LHDs as to the use of the Emergency chart which should include:

- The purpose of developing an ED Chart was to ensure that a chart was available to support emergency departments in complying with the NSW Policy (**PD2011_077 Recognition and Management of Patients Who Are Clinically Deteriorating**) of using a track and trigger system for recording vital sign observations that was consistent with the Between the Flags thresholds; and to help ED's achieve accreditation for the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care's **National Safety and Quality Health Service Standard 9 (Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration in Acute Health Care)**.
- The CEC was charged by the MoH to develop a state based form to comply with Garling recommendation 53 and this is included on page 6.
- The screening tools on page 4 are to be used in the ED and/or wards (as per local policy) and are replicated in the eMR/FirstNet.
- The escalation response (how to make a call, who attends the call) to breaches of the yellow (Clinical Review) and red (Rapid Response) observation thresholds must be individualised to each hospital and be part of the local CERS policy.
- The local CERS policy must outline the process for alterations to calling criteria whilst patients are in the ED and on transfer to the wards.
- The Adult ED Chart has been developed alongside the eMR and will be rolled out electronically across the state in FirstNet. Once all EDs are using the electronic chart the paper version will then be used as a downtime form.

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