Vital Signs Documentation

Nurses will document clinically relevant Vital Signs and assessments for their patient.

1. In LaunchPoint R Click near the patients name and select interactive view.

2. If in LaunchPoint Patient Summary. Click on the ❤ icon and then the Vitals Hyperlink.

3. The patient’s chart opens at the Interactive View from the Menu. The ED Paediatric Condensed View band automatically displays and the patient’s vital signs can be entered.

4. To activate the cells, double click the dark blue cell next to Vital Signs, underneath the date and time column.

   ![Image of Vital Signs documentation]

   This allows you to Tab down through each of the cells.

5. Scroll down to enter Vital Signs for the patient.
   a. Respiratory Rate
   b. Respiratory Distress
   c. SpO2
   d. Oxygen Flow Rate
   e. Oxygen Therapy
   f. SBP/DBP Cuff
   g. Peripheral Pulse Rate
   h. Temperature
   i. Capillary Refill
   j. AVPU

   Note: The Vital Signs are in purple and the EWS (CEWT) has not populated.

6. Click the green tick ✅ to Sign the entered vital and generate an EWS (CEWT).
7. If the EWS (CEWT) is > 0 the cells that are outside the normal ranges for the patient's age will be highlighted Red and with an arrow ↑ or ↓.

8. A screen will pop up named Discern Notification to alert the ED Clinician that an EWS (CEWT) has triggered. It will suggest actions and escalation relevant to the EW score documented.

9. Click on the to exit.

Note: If the EWS (CEWT) score is > than 8 an alert screen will pop up.

ED will follow normal business process for a CEWT > 8. Escalate as is current practice by utilising either the staff assist buzzer (yellow) or the emergency buzzer (red).

There may also be situations where a MET response is required in Emergency and process must be followed in accordance with CHQ policy to do so.

10. On LaunchPoint the Room column will highlight that an EWS > 8 has been triggered, this will remain visible until the vitals are improved and CEWT is < 8.

11. It is mandatory practice to navigate to Managing Deterioration to view trends.

Refer to Managing Deterioration QRG.