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REFER TO YOUR LOCAL CLINICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM (CERS) PROTOCOL FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO MAKE A CALL TO ESCALATE CARE FOR YOUR PATIENT

> CHECK THE HEALTH CARE RECORD FOR AN END OF LIFE CARE PLAN WHICH MAY ALTER THE MANAGEMENT OF YOUR PATIENT

# Yellow Zone Response

## IF YOUR PATIENT HAS ANY YELLOW ZONE OBSERVATIONS OR ADDITIONAL CRITERIA\* YOU MUST

- 1. Initiate appropriate clinical care
- 2. Repeat and increase the frequency of observations, as indicated by your patient's condition
- 3. Consult promptly with the NURSE IN CHARGE to decide whether a CLINICAL REVIEW (or other CERS) call should be made

#### Consider the following:

- · What is usual for your patient and are there documented 'ALTERATIONS TO CALLING CRITERIA'?
- Does the trend in observations suggest deterioration?
- Is there more than one Yellow Zone observation or additional criterion?
- Are you concerned about your patient?

#### IF A CLINICAL REVIEW IS CALLED:

- 1. Reassess your patient and escalate according to your local CERS if the call is not attended within 30 minutes or you are becoming more concerned
- 2. Document an A-G assessment, reason for escalation, treatment and outcome in your patient's health care record
- 3. Inform the Attending Medical Officer that a call was made as soon as it is practicable

#### \*Additional YELLOW ZONE Criteria

- Increasing oxygen requirement
- Poor peripheral circulation

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- · Excess or increasing blood loss
- Decrease in Level of Consciousness or new onset of confusion
- Low urine output persistent for 4 hours
- (< 100mLs over 4 hours or < 0.5mL/kg/hr via an IDC)
- Polyuria, in the absence of diuretics (urine output > 200mL/hr for 2 hours)

- · Greater than expected fluid loss from a drain
- · New, increasing or uncontrolled pain (including chest pain)
- Blood Glucose Level < 4mmol/L or > 20mmol/L with no decrease in Level of Consciousness
- Ketonaemia > 1.5mmol/L or Ketonuria 2 + or more
- · Concern by patient or family member
- · Concern by you or any staff member

CONSIDER IF YOUR PATIENT'S DETERIORATION COULD BE DUE TO SEPSIS, A NEW ARRHYTHMIA, HYPOVOLAEMIA/HAEMORRHAGE, PULMONARY EMBOLUS/DVT. PNEUMONIA/ATELECTASIS, AN AMI, STROKE, OR AN OVERDOSE/OVER SEDATION

# **Red Zone Response**

IF YOUR PATIENT HAS ANY RED ZONE OBSERVATIONS OR ADDITIONAL CRITERIA# YOU MUST CALL FOR A RAPID RESPONSE (as per local CERS) AND

- 1. Initiate appropriate clinical care
- 2. Inform the NURSE IN CHARGE that you have called for a RAPID RESPONSE
- 3. Repeat and increase the frequency of observations, as indicated by your patient's condition
- 4. Document an A-G assessment, reason for escalation, treatment and outcome in your patient's health care record
- 5. Inform the Attending Medical Officer that a call was made as soon as it is practicable

### **#Additional RED ZONE Criteria**

- Cardiac or respiratory arrest
- · Airway obstruction or stridor
- Patient unresponsive
- Deterioration not reversed within 1 hour of Clinical Review
- Increasing oxygen requirements to maintain oxygen saturation > 90%
- Arterial Blood Gas: PaO<sub>2</sub> < 60 or PaCO<sub>2</sub> > 60 or pH < 7.2 or BE < -5
- Venous Blood Gas: PvCO<sub>2</sub> > 65 or pH < 7.2
- Only responds to Pain (P) on the AVPU scale

- · Sudden decrease in Level of Consciousness (a drop of 2 or more points on the GCS)
- Seizures
- Low urine output persistent for 8 hours (< 200mLs over 8 hours or < 0.5mL/kg/hr via an IDC)
- Blood Glucose Level < 4mmol/L or > 20mmol/L with a decreased Level of Consciousness
- Lactate ≥ 4mmol/L
- · Serious concern by any patient or family member
- · Serious concern by you or any staff member



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