

Daily Respiratory Patient Risk Assessment Tool

Patient name:

Enter Total score (0+ 1+ 2+3) into the scoring box. Repeat scoring daily.

	Score 0	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date
Mode+ time on ventilation	Not ventilated for any part of 24 hours	Intermittent Pressure Support or NIV	Weaning requiring ventilation for more than 12 hours.	Not weaning PCV (A) PSV (A) VCV							
Interface	Not ventilated	Nasal mask/ mouth piece	Full facial mask	Tracheostomy							
Apnoea risk	Self-ventilating for 24 hours	Able to breath consistently off ventilator only when awake		Dependent on ventilatory support for 20 hours or more							
Communication	Able to verbally call for help if needed	Able to use hand bell or additional device to call for help		Unable to call for help verbally without relying on nurse call							
Airway clearance and cardiovascular stability	Occasional need for tracheal suction or manual assisted coughing– less than once in 24 hrs	Daily suction OR Cough Assist /manual assisted cough treatment only	Routine, predictable or prophylactic tracheal suctioning and Cough Assist /manual assisted cough Rx.	Unpredictable / urgent Rx due to one or more of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O2 Saturations often below prescribed target • Frequent or unpredictable tracheal suctioning /manual assisted cough/ cough assist requirement • Requires hourly intervention by competent respiratory staff 							
Score:											
RN initials:											

Risk reduction plan: Consider use of listening device/'baby' monitor for at risk patients.

Score 2 – 8 = At Risk : Follow spinal respiratory care plan*, continuous oxygen saturation monitoring. Regular intentional rounding. Consider need for competent respiratory staff in line of sight.

Score 9 -13 = Medium Risk : Follow spinal respiratory care plan*, continuous oxygen saturation monitoring, competent respiratory staff band 3 and above in line of sight, 1:2 nursing ratio.

Score 14 = High Risk : Follow spinal respiratory care plan*, continuous oxygen saturation monitoring, competent respiratory staff 1:1 band 3 and above

Score 15 = Very High Risk: Follow spinal respiratory care plan*, continuous oxygen saturation monitoring, competent respiratory staff 1:1 band 3 and above, consider Spinal Consultant d/w ITU.

Trigger: If staffing levels do not meet the combined needs of ventilated and non-ventilated patients inform Spinal Bleep Holder to manage/ escalate situation as appropriate (e.g. site manager). If identified staffing levels are still not met complete Datix + Allocate 'Safe Care' comment.