

AUGUST 24

Implementation of revised Adult RDR chart (MR59A)



Rapid Detection and Response Adult Observation Chart (MR59A)

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SECTION A - GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Minimum set of observations- Write in Section C

- Respiratory rate, oxygen saturation, blood pressure, pulse rate, temperature, pain and level of sedation.
- Other observations on this chart are O₂ flow rate and delivery method.

How to record observations in Section C

Place a dot (•) in the centre of the box that includes the current observation in its range of values. Connect the new dot to the previous dot with a straight line. Write the value in the relevant box for O₂ flow rate, and also if observations fall above or below graphic parameters, as indicated.

For systolic blood pressure use the symbol indicated on the graphic chart.

Modifications – Write Modifications to triggers in Section D

Only an RMO, or more senior doctor, can document:

- observation(s) for patients within a specified time that modify the trigger point for escalation.
- the duration of the modification, by writing start and finish dates and times. A modification will cease if not reviewed. Modifications should be reviewed at a minimum every 24 hours and during transfers/handover to another team or doctor.

Modifications should consider ACD and 7 Step Pathway – Resuscitation Plan

A nurse must countersign the modifications as acknowledgement. A consultant must sign if modifications are continued beyond 24 hours

Changes to usual frequency of observations – Frequency, duration and reason should be recorded in Section E

A. if requested by treating doctor
B. if you are worried about the patient
C. if the patient / family is concerned
D. after an intervention, incident, procedure and/or treatment as per local procedures
E. after a MER call
F. until all observations are in their normal range as defined by the white zones and any modifications
G. terminal phase
H. other

Interventions and review – Use Section F to record any MDT or MER calls. Document any intervention or action taken in response to:

- changes in observations e.g. use space blanket to warm patient, increase oxygen flow rate, give food to diabetic
- concerns raised by patient, family or carer (Record actions taken and tick 'patient/family concern')
- new unexplained deterioration in behaviour or mental state (e.g. reassure patient)

SECTION B RESUSCITATION PLAN

7 Step Pathway – Resuscitation Plan (MR RESUS) Current In Progress
 No plan 7 Step Pathway – Resuscitation Plan needs review

Advance Care Directive (ACD) In Medical Record In MyHealth Record

- A patient who is at the end of their life and is not for resuscitation may still require urgent medical response for symptom management.
- Refer to current MR RESUS or Advance Care Directives for instructions / patients wishes regarding MER call, CPR and other treatment limitations.
- Other advance care plan

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SECTION G – RESPONSE CRITERIA AND ACTIONS TO TAKE

ALWAYS CHECK CURRENT MODIFICATIONS, ACD and RESUSCITATION PLAN

MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE (MER) CALL

| RESPONSE CRITERIA – If one or more observations are in the purple zone, or one or more of the following are occurring: | ACTIONS REQUIRED |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are worried about the patient A patient or consumer is worried | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respiratory or cardiac arrest Threatened airway Significant bleeding Unexpected or uncontrolled seizure Delayed MDT review (> 30 minutes) |

Place emergency call and specify location

Initiate basic/advanced life support

Notify senior doctor responsible for patient

Increase frequency of observations post intervention. Take advice from MER team

Refer to ACD or 7 Step Pathway - Resuscitation Plan if MER call required

MULTI DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) REVIEW (Minimum team of registered nurse/midwife and medical practitioner)

| RESPONSE CRITERIA – If one or more observations are in the red zone, or one or more of the following are occurring: | ACTIONS REQUIRED |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are worried about the patient A patient or consumer is worried | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unrelieved chest pain Urine output < 30mL/hr over 4 hours from patient with IDC, or patient has not voided for over 12 hours (unless intra-dialysis) Delayed RN/RM review (> 30 minutes) |

Escalate to MER call if there are 3 or more observations in red zone.

MDT review must occur within 30 minutes (Country Hospitals refer to local guidelines) or escalate to MER call

Increase frequency of observations to hourly. Escalate if there are ongoing fluctuations

Review SpO₂ and O₂ flow rate requirements

REGISTERED NURSE OR REGISTERED MIDWIFE (and notify Shift Coordinator)

| RESPONSE CRITERIA – If one or more observations are in the yellow zone, or one or more of the following are occurring: | ACTIONS REQUIRED |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are worried about the patient A patient or consumer is worried | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New or unexplained behavioural change Intra-dialysis BP drop > 20mmHg from baseline For new or unexpected pain or 2 pain scores 8-10 within 1 hour, senior nurse to review and consider MDT review if required. |

Escalate to MDT review if there are 3 or more observations in yellow zone.

Registered nurse/midwife review must occur within 30 minutes, or escalate to MDT review

Increase frequency of observations

Manage anxiety, pain and other symptoms

Review SpO₂ and O₂ flow rate requirements

For new or unexpected pain or 2 consecutive pain score 8-10 within 1 hour, Senior nurse to request MDT review if required

SECTION H SEDATION SCORE

| Score | Descriptor | Stimulus | Response | Duration |
|-------|---|------------------------|--|--------------|
| 3 | Difficult to rouse | Pain, shoulder squeeze | Brief eye opening OR any movement OR no response | N/A |
| 2 | Easy to rouse, difficulty staying awake | Voice, light touch | Eye opening and eye contact | < 10 seconds |
| 1 | Easy to rouse | Voice, light touch | Eye opening and eye contact | > 10 seconds |
| 0 | Awake, Alert when approached | N/A | N/A | N/A |

- › All SA Health sites adopt the revised adult RDR chart (MR59A), Adult RDR ED (MR59A – ED), and the equivalent in Sunrise on 24 August.
- › The revised charts meet the requirements of Standard 8: Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration from the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards

- › SA Health staff can access education resources and view the revised **Adult Rapid Detection and Response (RDR) Observation Chart** on the SA Health website or for education resources and charts, visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/RDRCharts.

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