

Paediatric Triage Tool

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Where?

- 24hrs
- 8 beds
- 2 Staff Nurses, SHO, Spr
- Approx 6,700 acute (77%)
- Mixed specialities

Why?

- Informal Triage
- Modified MTS
- Paediatric Specific

When & How?

- 2006
- Team of 4
- Research
- Shared Project
- Pooling of ideas & knowledge

Overdose and Poisoning

0 - Green	1 - Green	2 - Amber	3 - Red
Time of overdose taken with accordance to treatment see toxicity based information	Time of overdose taken with accordance to treatment see toxicity based information	High priority for treatment of overdose	Immediate treatment required for overdose
Accidental overdose	Deliberate self harm/ overdose	Immediate risk of further self harm/overdose	Weak thready pulse
Heart rate and BP within normal limits	Known history of self harm/ overdose	Heart rate > 20-30 above/ below normal	Airway compromised
BM within normal limits	Heart rate >10-20 above/ below normal	Systolic BP > 10-20 above/ below normal	Shallow breathing
GCS normal	Normal BP	BM between 3 - 4	Unresponsive
CR 1-2 secs	BM within normal limits	GCS 13 - 14	CR 5 secs
Awake/alert	GCS normal	Pupil size pin point or dilated but reacting	GCS <13
Tolerating fluids	CR 3 secs	Marked distress and abusive behaviour	Pupils fixed and pin point
	Unsteady on feet but awake and aware of surroundings	Inappropriate history	Fitting
	Intermittent vomiting but tolerating some fluids	Visible wounds and blood loss	Excessive blood loss

Respiratory

	0 - Green	1 - Green	2 - Amber	3 - Red
Tachypnoea	None	Slight (up to 10 above norm)	Moderate (10 – 20 above norm)	Severe (>20 above norm) Apnoeic episodes
Saturations	> 95% in air	93 – 95% in air	90 – 92% in air (improvement with admin of O2)	< 90% in air (minimal/no improvement with admin of o2)
Recession	None	Slight subcostal	Moderate subcostal/intercostal Mild tracheal tug	Marked subcostal/intercostal Tracheal tug grunt/ nasal flaring Head bobbing Sternal recession
Colour	Normal	Pale	Pale	Grey/mottled/cyanosed
Behaviour	Appropriate for age/ development Bright/alert Playing	Awake/quiet but responsive and able to talk Sleeping but easily rousable	Lethargic Difficulty in completing sentences Reduced feeding due to breathlessness	Altered consciousness Agitated Too breathless to talk/feed
Added sounds	None	Mild audible wheeze	Intermittent wheeze/stridor	Persistent wheeze/stridor
Cough	None	Mild intermittent	Mild Persistent	Severe Persistent
Pef (> 5years)	75 - 100% of personal best / predicted	50 - 75% of personal best/ predicted	33 - 50% of personal best/ predicted	< 33% of personal best/ predicted or Unable to perform
Pain	No pain	Pain 1 – 4*	Pain 5 – 7*	Pain > 8*

Difficulties

- Time Constraints
- Mix of knowledge & experience
- Colleagues
- Education
- Mini pilot

Future

- Validity
- Questionnaire
- Additional charts
- Inclusion of pews score

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