

RDR Neonatal Observation Chart (Standard newborn 0-7 days) (MR59J)

Date of Birth		Time of Birth		Birth Weight		Gestational Age		Apgar Score	
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Date / time									
Respiratory Rate (RR) (breaths/min)	Write > 80								
	70 - 79								
	60 - 69								
	50 - 59								
	40 - 49								
	30 - 39								
20 - 29									
Write < 20									
Signs of Respiratory Distress	nasal flaring (NF), grunting (G), recession (R), stridor (S), head bob (H)								
	Yes								
	No								
Heart Rate (HR) (beats/min)	Write ≥ 190								
	180 - 189								
	170 - 179								
	160 - 169								
	140 - 159								
	120 - 139								
	100 - 119								
	Write < 80								
Temperature (T ^c)	Write ≥ 38								
	37.5 - 37.9								
	37 - 37.4								
	36.5 - 36.9								
	36 - 36.4								
	35.5 - 35.9								
Write < 35.5									
Date / time									
Blood Glucose Level (mmol/L)	Write ≥ 8								
	2.6 - 7.9								
	2.1 - 2.5								
	1.5 - 2.0								
Write < 1.5									
Date / time									
Conscious State	Alert/active								
	Sleeping but wakes to feed								
	Irritable/jittery								
	Lethargic								
	Unresponsive								
Bile Stained Vomit	Yes								
Subgaleal Haemorrhage	Yes								
	No								
Head Circumference (cm)									
Additional Observations (e.g. Cot Temp, Bilirubin, O ₂ Saturation, Blood Pressure, Inspired O ₂)									
Interventions or Review (Refer opposite Page)									

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Dirty Nappies BO:
B = black
GB = green / black
Y = yellow
W = watery
R = blood

Swallow Score:
0 = no swallowing
1 = swallowing infrequently
2 = swallowing occasionally with let-down
3 = correct attachment, deep, frequent

Wet Nappies PU:
+ = slightly damp
++ = wet
+++ = saturated
U = urates

Feeding codes
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Maternal Sedation Score

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Observe feed as per RDR	Do not leave the mother unattended when feeding or holding neonate	Do not leave the mother unattended when feeding or holding neonate	

Date & Time	Attached to Breast Code (see above)	Maternal Sedation Score	Suck Score (see above)		Swallow Score (see above)		Observe Feed for Signs of Milk Transfer (minimum observation of 1 feed per shift) • Change in frequency of suckling with letdown/milk ejection reflex. • Noticeable jaw/temples movement associated with deep, frequent, effective sucking • Episodes of frequent swallowing with occasional pauses. • Audible swallowing. Rule off previous 24 hours and total feeds, BO and PU If commenting on feeds and wellbeing, then print name / sign / designation	Other nutrition			EBM & Formula Milk Feed Two staff to check & Sign	Nappies (see above)		Vomits			
			L	R	L	R		Type	Method	Volume		Dirty	Wet				
Post Natal Day																	

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Affix patient identification label in this box

UR No:

Surname:

Given Name:

Second Given Name:

D.O.B: Sex: (M/F)

Hospital:

Chart Number: General Instructions

This chart is intended for monitoring and screening newborn neonates. The 0-3 month old RDR chart (59B) is for sick neonates in a paediatric ward.

- All neonates are to have:
 - A risk assessment at birth, with a minimum of hourly observations for the first four hours of life and before discharge.
 - If a baby is admitted from home, commence the chart after the first four hours, beyond the black dividing line.
 - Minimum observations include: Respiratory Rate, Heart Rate and Temperature taken with the neonate at rest.
 - Oximetry Screening to be performed on all neonates between 4 and 12 hours of age.
- Additional observations are to be taken, based on the clinical condition, risk assessment, deterioration or concern by parents or staff.
- Whenever an observation falls within a shaded area, you must initiate the actions required for that colour.
- Management of risks will be guided by clinical assessment, SA PPG's and local procedure or protocol.
- Country hospitals should have a low threshold for consulting tertiary services.

Medical Emergency Response (MER) Call

Response Criteria	Actions Required ASAP
1. Neonates requiring immediate medical attention	1. Place emergency call and specify location
2. Respiratory or cardiac arrest or seizure activity	2. Initiate basic/advanced life support
3. Any observation in the purple zone	3. Notify senior doctor responsible for patient
4. You or a parent/family member is worried about the neonate	

Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT) Review
(Minimum of a registered nurse/midwife and medical doctor)

Response Criteria	Actions Required
1. Any observation in a red zone	1. MDT to review patient within 15 minutes (Country Hospitals to refer to local guidelines)
2. You or a parent/family member is worried about the neonate	2. Increase frequency of observations
	3. If MDT not attended within 15 minutes escalate to Neonatal Consultant. (Country hospitals refer to local guidelines).

*** 3 or more observations in the red zone, escalate to MER Call**

RM/RN Review & Notify Shift Coordinator

Response Criteria	Actions Required
1. Any observation in a yellow zone	1. Registered nurse/midwife must review the neonate
2. You or a parent/family member is worried about the neonate	2. Increase frequency of observations
	3. If not reviewed within 30 minutes, escalate to MDT review

*** 3 or more observations in the yellow zone, escalate to MDT Review**

Show the Trend: Plot the Dot – Join the Line

Look for worsening trends and report these. When graphing observations, place a dot in the box and connect it to the previous dot with a straight line.

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RISK ASSESSMENT TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR MORE FREQUENT OBSERVATIONS

Respiratory Distress / Depression

No Risk

Cord or initial pH < 7.1

Apgar score < 6 at 5 minutes

Maternal systemic opiates for pain relief < 4 hours prior to birth

Maternal General Anaesthetic

Received Naloxone

Preterm No Risk < 37 weeks

Sepsis

No Risk

Maternal prolonged rupture of membranes >18 hours without adequate antibiotic prophylaxis

Maternal GBS positive with antibiotics < 4 hours before delivery

Maternal pyrexia/infection (≥ 38°C)

Hypoglycaemia

No Risk

Birth weight < 2.5kg

Small for gestational age

Maternal diabetes

Maternal Beta blockers etc.

Birth Trauma

No Risk

Instrumental delivery – risk of subgaleal haemorrhage (mass over the occiput that crosses the midline)

Other

Jaundice

No Risk

Blood group incompatibility or known maternal antibodies

Family history of G6PD or severe jaundice in the newborn

Other

No Risk

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NEONATAL SCREENING TEST COMPLETE

Card Number:

Date: Time:

Name:

Signature:

Designation:

HEARING SCREENING RESULT – to be completed by screener

Pass (P) Refer to Child and Family Health Service Neonatal Hearing Screening Card Number

Refer (R)

Decline (D)

No Test (N)

LEFT RIGHT Yes (Y) No (N)

Name:

Signature:

Designation:

Date: Time:

OXIMETRY SCREENING

Date/Time	Site	Rt Hand	Foot	Rt Hand	Foot
≥ 98					
95 - 97					
90 - 94					
Write < 90					
Name:					
Signature:					
Designation:					

Indicate values as X or write value if < 90%
Subsequent oximetry screen as per physician request or local policy.

A medical review is required if there is > 3% variation between the hand and foot screening.

Actions Planned

Name:

Signature:

Designation:

Date: Time:

Interventions or review

	Name, Sign, Designation
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