

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

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Time of Birth: ___:___ Birth Weight: ___ gms Gestational Age: ___ wks Apgar Score: ___

Date / time	Respiratory Rate (RR) (breaths/min)	Signs of Respiratory Distress	Heart Rate (HR) (beats/min)	Temperature (T ^o C)	Blood Glucose Level (mmol/L)	Conscious State	Bile Stained Vomit	Subgaleal Haemorrhage	Head Circumference (cm)	Additional Observations (e.g. Cot Temp, Bilirubin, O ₂ Saturation, Blood Pressure, Inspired O ₂)	Interventions or Review (Refer opposite Page)
	Write > 80 70 - 79 60 - 69 50 - 59 40 - 49 30 - 39 20 - 29 Write < 20	nasal flaring (NF), grunting (G), recession (R), stridor (S), head bob (H) Yes No	Write ≥ 190 180 - 189 170 - 179 160 - 169 140 - 159 120 - 139 100 - 119 90 - 99 80 - 89 Write < 80	Write ≥ 38 37.5 - 37.9 37 - 37.4 36.5 - 36.9 36 - 36.4 35.5 - 35.9 Write < 35.5	Write ≥ 8 2.6 - 7.9 2.1 - 2.5 1.5 - 2.0 Write < 1.5	Alert/active Sleeping but wakes to feed Irritable/jittery Lethargic Unresponsive	Yes No	Yes No			

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Observe feed as per RDR
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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 sucking 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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 Surname: _____
 Given Name: _____
 Second Given Name: _____
 Hospital: _____
 D.O.B: _____ Sex: _____ (M/F)

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

- Neonates requiring immediate medical attention
- Respiratory or cardiac arrest or seizure activity
- Any observation in the purple zone
- You or a parent/family member is worried about the neonate

Actions Required ASAP

- Place emergency call and specify location
- Initiate basic/advanced life support
- Notify senior doctor responsible for patient

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

Response Criteria

- Any observation in a red zone
- You or a parent/family member is worried about the neonate

Actions Required

- MDT to review patient within 15 minutes (Country Hospitals to refer to local guidelines)
- Increase frequency of observations
- 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

- Any observation in a yellow zone
- You or a parent/family member is worried about the neonate

Actions Required

- Registered nurse/midwife must review the neonate
- Increase frequency of observations
- 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Cord or initial pH < 7.1 <input type="checkbox"/> Apgar score < 6 at 5 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal systemic opiates for pain relief < 4 hours prior to birth <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal General Anaesthetic <input type="checkbox"/> Received Naloxone
Preterm	<input type="checkbox"/> No Risk <input type="checkbox"/> < 37 weeks
Sepsis	<input type="checkbox"/> Maternal prolonged rupture of membranes >18 hours without adequate antibiotic prophylaxis <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal GBS positive with antibiotics < 4 hours before delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal pyrexia/infection (≥ 38°C)
Hypoglycaemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth weight < 2.5kg <input type="checkbox"/> Small for gestational age <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal Beta blockers etc.
Birth Trauma	<input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental delivery – risk of subgaleal haemorrhage (mass over the occiput that crosses the midline) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Jaundice	<input type="checkbox"/> Blood group incompatibility or known maternal antibodies <input type="checkbox"/> Family history of G6PD or severe jaundice in the newborn
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Actions Planned	
Name:	
Signature:	
Designation:	
Date: Time:	

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	Yes (Y) No (N)	
RIGHT		
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.					

Interventions or review

If you administer an intervention or review, record here and note letter in intervention row on page 2 in appropriate time column.		Name, Sign, Designation
A		
B		
C		

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	Write ≥ 190									
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