

Deterioration Parameters

CATEGORIES	NORMAL	CAUTION	SERIOUS / LIFE THREATENING
ACTIONS	Seek medical review of complaint or issue	Seek medical Increase frequency of monitoring	URGENT MEDICAL REVIEW Do not leave the resident unattended
HEAT RATE (BEATS/MIN)	50 - 100	40 - 49 or 101 - 130	<40 or >130
SYSTOLIC (mmHg)	110 - 180 (or range specified by GP for resident)	90 - 109 or 181 - 200 (or higher in well resident)	<90 or >200 symptomatic
RESPIRATORY RATE (BREATHS/MINUTE)	10 - 24	6 - 9 or 25 - 30	<6 or >30
O ₂ SATURATIONS	92-100% with or without 02 (or normal for resident)	88-91% with O ₂ given	<88% with O ₂ given
RESPIRATORY EFFORT	Typical for resident	Abnormal, laboured or noisy Not typical for resident	Distress and/or cyanosis with O2 given
TEMPERATURE	35.6°C - 37.7°C	35°C - 35.5°C or 37.8°- 39°C Temperature Baseline +1.5°C	<35°C or >39°C
RESPONSIVENESS	Alert, cognition normal for resident	Not alert, but responds to voice	Responsive to pain only or Newly unresponsive or Sudden change in mental state
PAIN	Nil, or tolerable with or without analgesia	Observable discomfort with analgesia	Highly distressed with analgesia
BLOOD GLUCOSE (MMOL/L)	6 - 15 (or range specified by GP for resident)	4 - 5.9 or <4 responsive to treatment or Persistently >15 in well resident	< 4 AND unresponsive to treatment or Persistently >15 in unwell resident