

Pre-Launch

- Finalize launch date and notify:
 - Nursing staff
 - Nursing Unit Assistants
 - Physicians
 - Health Records
 - Site Administration
- Plan for department visual cues for ID of deteriorating patients if using (i.e. colours, whiteboard, worksheet)
- Finalize plan for updating the visual cues (who, when, how, who confirms it is done?)
- Decide on locations for your Situational Awareness posters.
- Consider other means of addressing situational awareness on-site (e.g. flat hierarchies on safety, nursing staff briefing and de-briefing about the 5 risk factors systematically; predicting escalation of care).
- Order and ensure PEWS forms are on site in sufficient quantity (PEWS Vital Sign record and pediatric ENAR)
- Finalize where the PEWS forms will be stored and utilized (i.e. nursing station, clipboard, chart - bedside, outside of room).
- Discuss with Health Records the patient record (chart) location of new documentation and any patient records that will be deleted with the implementation of PEWS.
- Finalize Site Escalation Aid if adaptations needed
- Decide on locations for Site Escalation Aids
- Discuss strategy for informing caregivers about PEWS

Education

Nursing Education (Refer to Provincial PEWS lesson plan)

- Follow up with your staff to ensure everyone has completed the on-line courses
- Set in-house training schedule (i.e. will you offer 2-hour training sessions to capture most staff members? Will you cover staff on shift so they can complete online module and orientation? Book dates and times with staff)
- Decide which case study you will use as a central story for your PEWS education session
- Print/post any resources team members will need or send them out electronically: PEWS instructions, CDST, etc.

Physician education:

- Ensure that you have engaged with your physician colleagues and they have had an opportunity to receive education and understand the system and their role in the initiative-PEWS Vital Sign record, Pediatric ENAR, Escalation Aid, Situational Awareness and supporting CDSTs and documentation

- CHBC has developed a physician education webcast which can be used for department meetings, grand rounds etc. (link to be added)

Post Launch

On-going education:

- Go on to the site and look through the educational resources (case studies, guidelines)
- Plan an on-going education schedule for PEWS (may be based on needs identified in your on-going monitoring) in order to keep up momentum and knowledge.

Quality monitoring

- Plan for monitoring the implementation e.g. chart audits (CHBC tool available)
- Plan for monitoring the update of visual cues in the department
- How will you inform staff about the results of the QI activities to keep the momentum going? (CHBC can assist with creating reports for QI results)
- How (and how often) will you check in with staff regarding any concerns or barriers they are experiencing to using PEWS?
- What is your plan for addressing any issues identified through your on-going monitoring?
- BC PEWS ED evaluation by Child Health BC

Maintaining the momentum

- Set up regular planned chart audits to ensure PEWS utilization and compliance
- Plan check-ins with staff, physicians, patients and families for feedback and to address any issues
- Weekly reports including data from audits
- Consider PDSA cycles to address any quality issues that may arise
- Set up regular communication processes, (emails, newsletter etc.) to staff, physicians, site and HA leadership on project

List of provincial PEWS resources

Online Module

- ❖ Online learning module will be available on the Provincial Health Services Authority Learning Hub: <https://learninghub.phsa.ca>
BC PEWS ED e-Learning Course will provide the necessary knowledge and tools to guide using PEWS in emergency and urgent care settings

Guidelines

- Provincial PEWS Clinical Decision Support Tool
- Provincial PEWS Vital Sign Assessment and Documentation
- Instructions for Using the PEWS Vital Sign record

Support Tools

- Situational Awareness Poster
- Brief Overview of PEWS in ED
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs)
- PEWS Pediatric Vital Signs & PEWS Lanyard Cards
- BC PEWS in ED Nursing PowerPoint
- BC PEWS in ED Education Lesson Plan
- BC PEWS in ED Education Session Evaluation
- BC PEWS in ED Physician Webcast (link to be added)
- Case Studies
- Chart Audit Tool