

## SBAR Communication Tool

**S** **Situation:** *This is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am the nurse for patient \_\_\_\_\_ on pediatrics. I am concerned about the patient because \_\_\_\_\_ (give concise description — Pain, VS change, status change, increasing PEWS score).*

**B** **Background:** *Patient was admitted on \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. Recent procedures include (OR, tests, investigations) \_\_\_\_\_. The child's condition has changed in the last \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. The latest vital signs are HR, RR, BP, O2 sats, Temp, Pain Score, PEWS*

**A** **Assessment:** *I think the problem is \_\_\_\_\_. I have given (O2, analgesia, stopped infusion) \_\_\_\_\_.  
The patient seems to be unstable, deteriorating, needs intervention.*

**R** **Recommendation:** *I need you to:*

- *Come and see the patient now*
- *Call the MRP or pediatrician*
- *Order tests or labs (CXR, Labs)*

*Is there anything I need to do now (monitoring, fluids)*

**End call by confirming plan of care**

### Brighton Pediatric Early Warning Score

	0	1	2	3	SCORE
Behaviour	Playing Appropriate	Sleeping	Irritable	Lethargic &/OR Confused &/OR Reduced response to pain	
Respiratory	Within normal parameters; no recession or tracheal tug	10 above normal parameters, <i>Using accessory muscles, &amp;/OR 30+% FiO2 or 4+liters/min</i>	>20 above normal parameters recessing/retractions, tracheal tug &/OR 40+% FiO2 or 6+liters/min	5 below normal parameters with sternal recession/retractions, tracheal tug or grunting &/OR 50% FiO2 or 8+liters/min	
Cardiovascular	Pink &/OR capillary refill 1-2 seconds	Pale &/OR capillary refill 3 seconds	Grey &/OR capillary refill 4 seconds Tachycardia of 20 above normal rate.	Grey and mottled or capillary refill 5 seconds or above <b>OR</b> Tachycardia of 30 above normal rate or bradycardia	
Bronchodilators every 20 minutes &/OR persistent vomiting following surgery (2 points each)					
<b>TOTAL PEWS SCORE</b>					