Early Warning System Algorithm

The Early Warning System algorithm identifies prompts for bedside assessment by providers with the ability to activate resources required for diagnostic and therapeutic interventions. Escalation of concern may be initiated by any team member at any point in the patient's care.

Any one of the physiologic parameters out of range

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Nurse verifies parameter(s) persistently out of range

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Parameter(s) out of range	Parameter(s) in range
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Nurse notifies OB provider for prompt bedside evaluation	Continue appropriate level of clinical surveillance for patient
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Patient fails to respond or deteriorates	Patient responds to treatment
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Rapid Response Team (RRT)[2] notified	Continue regular monitoring of patient
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RRT evaluates and treats patient	

Patient fails to respond or deteriorates	Patient responds to treatment
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Consider transfer of patient to higher level of care: ICU, L&D, emergency code, external facility transfer	Continue appropriate level of clinical surveillance for the patient