

Paediatric Early Warning Score and the frequency of vital sign measurement in paediatric patients.

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Status RECRUITING
Sponsor The Canberra Hospital
Enrollment 3,500 participants

Plain Language Summary

This study is looking at whether using a Paediatric Early Warning Score (PEWS) — a system that gives a numerical score based on a child's vital signs — helps nurses spot when a child in hospital is getting worse before it becomes a crisis. The new age-appropriate observation charts being introduced will automatically flag children with high scores, prompting nurses to call a doctor for a timely check. The study compares children on wards using the new PEWS charts to those receiving standard monitoring, to see if early warning scores lead to faster treatment and better outcomes.

You may be eligible if:

- Your child is under 18 years old (from newborn to 17 years)
- Your child is admitted as an inpatient to one of the study wards at The Canberra Hospital

Your child may NOT be eligible if they are:

- Receiving palliative (end-of-life) care
- A chronic care patient

Talk to your doctor about whether this trial might be right for you.

Key Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion (1)

- Paediatric inpatients up to and including 17 years in 2 inpatient wards

Exclusion (2)

- Palliated patients
- Chronic care patients

Locations (1 total)

Australia