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# NEWS2

### Core Nursing Essentials Clinical Scales & Assessment Tools

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## Introduction & key concepts

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## Nursing responsibilities

- Check identity, consent, the relevant observations and the purpose of the assessment.
- Record the finding, context and response using the approved clinical record.
- Escalate uncertainty or deterioration to the responsible professional; do not use a study note as a standing treatment order.

## Clinical example & examination focus

In a viva, explain news2 in your own words, identify the observations needed and state a limitation. Compare the finding with the patient's baseline rather than assuming one number or label gives a diagnosis.

## Quick Revision

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## Frequently asked question

### Can this summary replace practical training?

No. Use your prescribed learning material and the institution's current protocol with qualified supervision.

## References & review status

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