

# Client Risk Assessment On Arrival

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

CLIENT INFORMATION	
DOB	
Age	
Health card number	
Chart number	

Complete this form to determine the client's risk requiring further medical assessment. This form does not replace staff judgment.

## INTOXICATION

Monitoring is required for any of the following signs:

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confused         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepy                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Loud voice     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unsteady gait    | <input type="checkbox"/> Agitated                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Slurred speech |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Odour of alcohol | <input type="checkbox"/> Eyes red, pinned, or dilated | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |

Monitor every 15 minutes until resolved. **If the respiratory rate is below 10 breaths/min, an urgent medical assessment is required.** If the client is intoxicated at intake, the full risk assessment must be completed within 4 hours of admission regardless of the current time of day or night; wake the person if sleeping.

## URGENT MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

Urgent medical assessment is required for any of the following signs:

CURRENT SIGNS OF INTOXICATION/WITHDRAWAL	CURRENT SIGNS OF MEDICAL CONDITIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> *Non-rousable – does not wake to voice/touch/shake <input type="checkbox"/> *Slow/shallow breathing <input type="checkbox"/> Active psychosis or hallucinations <input type="checkbox"/> Confusion or disorientation <input type="checkbox"/> Tremulous +++ <input type="checkbox"/> Sweating +++ <input type="checkbox"/> Imbalanced/unable to walk <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme agitation <input type="checkbox"/> Active suicidality/intent/plan <input type="checkbox"/> Active homicidality/intent/plan <input type="checkbox"/> Self-harm behaviour <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression/violence	<input type="checkbox"/> Chest pain <input type="checkbox"/> Breathing difficulty/shortness of breath <input type="checkbox"/> Loss or change of consciousness <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant or thinks may be pregnant <input type="checkbox"/> Jaundice/yellowing of skin/eyes <input type="checkbox"/> Severe abdominal pain <input type="checkbox"/> Obvious injury <input type="checkbox"/> Severe vomiting or diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Feverish <input type="checkbox"/> New head injury <input type="checkbox"/> Symptomatic benzodiazepine withdrawal

\*Requires **immediate medical assessment** and **overdose response**.

- Does the client need urgent medical assessment?  No  Yes
- If yes: Health care practitioner on site notified?  No  Yes
- Sent to the emergency department?  No  Yes

## MEDICAL CLEARANCE

A client has *medical clearance* if an NP or MD has assessed them directly before admission and determined that it is safe for them to remain in the WMS; this can be done either on site at the WMS or in the ED. Medical clearance is required if client has history of any of the following:

- Withdrawal seizures  
 Delirium tremens (DTs)  
 Hospitalization for withdrawal
- Date of last known seizure: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of last known DTs: \_\_\_\_\_

## CURRENT MEDICAL CONCERNS

Does the client have any of the following concerns that should be flagged for medical attention?

- Stopped medication for chronic illnesses within the last 60 days  
 Missing medications for chronic or acute illnesses (e.g., insulin, blood pressure medications)  
 Withdrawal from benzodiazepine-class drugs, currently asymptomatic  
 65+ years of age  
 Frail  
 Diabetes  
 High blood pressure (history or on intake greater than 140/90)  
 Heart problems/angina  
 COPD/asthma  
 Cirrhosis  
 Seizure disorder  
 Currently taking methadone, buprenorphine, slow-release oral morphine, or other addiction treatment  
 Obvious open sore/wound that has not yet been assessed/treated  
 Functional issues:  
 Memory or cognition  
 Mobility  
 Hearing  
 Vision  
 Fall risk

Health care practitioner notified directly?  No  Yes

Health care practitioner e-mailed (subject "Non-urgent medical"):  No  Yes