

Assessing the deteriorating ward patient- A New approach

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Patient assessment


➤ Current approaches

- Medical model- organ assessment
- Nursing models and pathways
- ABCDE (multi professional)

Background

- Increasing levels of chronic illness
- Episodic acute admission
- Managing acute on chronic, or acute with unrelated chronic
- Trend analysis (Early Warning Scores)

AIMS

- Holistic patient assessment
 - Distinguish between acute and chronic
 - Setting appropriate ceilings of therapy
 - Patient centred Monitoring plans
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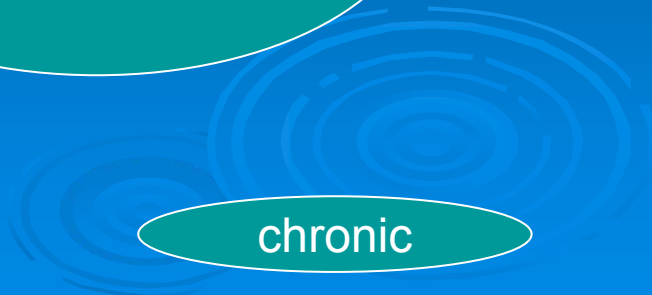
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Acute

(What is the severity of the acute illness?)


- **Visual assessment**
- **Early warning scores**
- **Disease specific scoring systems**
- **Levels of care**

Chronic

(What is the grading of the patients chronic problems?)

- Grading of disease specific illnesses
 - Generic grading (e.g. exercise tolerance)
 - Level of independence
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Analysing the trend (better, worse, unchanged)

- Patient observation chart
 - Blood results
 - Visual
 - Other (blood gases, chest x-ray)
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The way forward?

- The Outreach Toolkit
- Teaching
- Monitoring plans- Whose role?
- The role of outreach in 'Ceiling setting'