

NEONATAL DRUG WITHDRAWAL SCORE CHART

How to use this chart:

- If a symptom is present score 2; If not score 0
- Record one score for each section (there should be only one number in each box, either 2 or 0 so maximum possible score is 18).
- If possible document the score approximately one hour following a feed.
- Take into account behaviour appropriate for age and gestation.
- Consider symptoms present over the whole scoring period.
- Document score 3-4 hourly, after 2 consecutive scores of 6 or more document the score 2 hourly.

Name

NHS No:

DOB:

Treatment will be considered after two consecutive scores of 8 or above

DATE																				
TIME																				
HYPERTONIA (Persistent hypertonic posture, hyperflexion/ hyperextension, extended position)																				
HIGH PITCHED CRY (An excessive or persistent high pitched cry that is not resolved by a reduction in stimuli, swaddling or cuddling)																				
JITTERINESS/TREMOR When undisturbed																				
JITTERINESS/TREMOR When disturbed																				
SLEEP/WAKE PATTERN Sleeps<1 hour after a good feed																				
PYREXIA>38°C Of unknown origin (exclude other causes)																				
RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS (exclude other causes) Score if 2 or more present- Tachypnoea>60 breaths per minute, Recession, Nasal flaring																				
PROJECTILE VOMITING																				
LOOSE WATERY STOOLS																				
TOTAL SCORE																				
SIGNATURE																				