

## 5. Patient observations and review criteria

### Recommendations

- A clear physiological monitoring plan should be made for each patient. This should detail the parameters to be monitored and the frequency of observations.
- Part of the treatment plan should be an explicit statement of parameters that should prompt a request for review by medical staff or expert multidisciplinary team.
- The importance of respiratory rate monitoring should be highlighted. This parameter should be recorded at any point that other observations are being made.
- Education and training should be provided for staff that use pulse oximeters to allow proper interpretation and understanding of the limitations of this monitor. It should be emphasised that pulse oximetry does not replace respiratory rate monitoring.