



# PROCESS CHANGE/NEW KNOWLEDGE

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## TOPIC 1: Modified Early Warning Signs (MEWS) Alert

Effective December 17, 2018 the MEWS Alert in KD\*Hub (Cerner) will be turned off.

### **Justification:**

- ***Alert is over-firing***
  - ◇ Multiple alerts continue after the nurse is aware of changes in patient condition and interventions have been documented.
- ***Alert needs additional evaluation and changes such as***
  - ◇ Alignment with SOV parameters including urine output, capillary refill, pain, base excess, and lactic acid
  - ◇ Consider decrease sensitivity and suppressing certain patient populations

### **Recommendations:**

- ***Continue to use 10 Signs of Vitality (SOV) for early recognition of patient deterioration***
- An interdisciplinary team will evaluate changes to improve effectiveness of the MEWS Alert