

Communication Tool

I	IDENTIFY Identify self: name, position, location Identify who you are talking to Identify patient: name, age, sex, location	
S	SITUATION State Purpose: "The reason I am calling is ..."	If urgent, say so
B	BACKGROUND Provide relevant information	
	Relevant history Relevant examination including vital signs & MEWS Relevant test results Current management	
A	ASSESSMENT State what you think is going on "I think the problem is ..." or "I don't know what the problem is but I am concerned"	
R	REQUEST State request "I would like you to ..."	

MEDICAL EMERGENCY TEAM (MET) CRITERIA



Modified Early Warning Score (MEWS)
 ≥ 8

Unless otherwise documented in the patient's chart, if your patient fits any criteria you must ring

333
and state:

**Medical
Emergency**

**Exact
Location**

Airway

Threatened Airway

Breathing

Respiratory distress

Respiratory Rate < 8 or > 36
breaths/min

New drop in SpO₂ $< 90\%$

Circulation

Pulse < 40 or > 140 bpm

New change in Systolic Blood
Pressure < 90 mmHg

Neurology

Sudden fall in level of
consciousness, fall of GCS > 2 ,
repeated or prolonged seizures

Other

Deterioration in patient's condition

Any patient you are seriously
concerned about that does not fit the
above criteria

If your patient is in cardiac or respiratory arrest
(Pulseless, Unresponsive and Not Breathing Normally)

Ring **333** and State:

CARDIAC ARREST - EXACT LOCATION - RESUSCITATION TEAM