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## Patient Safety ALERT: Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) and urine output



During recent ward visits and review of deteriorating patients, it has become apparent that urine output is not always recorded, or considered, for patients.

The Patient at Risk of Deterioration (PAR) policy requires any patient with an early warning score (EWS) of 6 or more, or who is causing concern, to have their urine output recorded on a fluid balance chart.

If we fail to monitor and record urine output for patients with an EWS of more than 6, they are at risk of developing Acute Kidney Injury (AKI).

Good practice should ensure that **all** patients are asked if they are passing urine.

The Trust is developing a new observation chart which will make it easier to record this information. Until then **it is Trust policy to ensure that a fluid balance chart is commenced and filled in, if the patient scores 6 or more.**

NICE guidance is available to all about this problem  
<http://publications.nice.org.uk/acute-kidney-injury-cg169>

### **FOR ACTION:**

**Check to ensure your patients are passing urine, and commence a fluid balance chart if your patient has an EWS of 6 or more, or is causing you concern.**