

## NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SCORING SYSTEM

### Modified Finnegan Neonatal Abstinence Score Sheet<sup>11</sup>

System	Signs and Symptoms	Score	AM						PM						Comments			
<b>Central Nervous System Disturbances</b>	Excessive high-pitched (or other) cry <5 mins	2																
	Continuous high-pitched (or other) cry >5 mins	3																
	Sleeps <1 hour after feeding	3																
	Sleeps <2 hours after feeding	2																
	Sleeps <3 hours after feeding	1																
	Hyperactive Moro reflex	2																
	Markedly hyperactive Moro reflex	3																
	Mild tremors when disturbed	1																
	Moderate-severe tremors when disturbed	2																
	Mild tremors when undisturbed	3																
	Moderate-severe tremors when undisturbed	4																
	Increased muscle tone	1																
	Excoriation (chin, knees, elbow, toes, nose)	1																
	Myoclonic jerks (twitching/jerking of limbs)	3																
Generalized convulsions	5																	
<b>Metabolic/Vasomotor/ Respiratory Disturbances</b>	Sweating	1																
	Hyperthermia 98.96-100.94° F	1																
	Hyperthermia >101.12° F	2																
	Frequent yawning (>3-4 times/scoring interval)	1																
	Mottling	1																
	Nasal stuffiness	1																
	Sneezing (>3-4 times/scoring interval)	1																
	Nasal flaring	2																
	Respiratory rate >60/min	1																
	Respiratory rate >60/min with retractions	2																
<b>Gastrointestinal Disturbances</b>	Excessive sucking	1																
	Poor feeding (infrequent/uncoordinated suck)	2																
	Regurgitation (≥2 times during/post feeding)	2																
	Projectile vomiting	3																
	Loose stools (curds/seedy appearance)	2																
	Watery stools (water ring on diaper around stool)	3																
	<b>Total Score</b>																	
	<b>Date/Time</b>																	
	<b>Initials of Scorer</b>																	