



PATCH HOME VISIT CARES SCORE

ASPECT REQUIRING EVALUATION		GREEN: Class I	ORANGE: Class II	RED: Class III
C- Comfort	C1: Basic needs: food, shelter, warmth (clothing)	Completely met	Adequately met but at risk of not being adequate if challenged by stressor (e.g.: mother hospitalized, grant not collected, winter weather etc.).	Not met (child often misses meals, clothing or shelter inadequate, homeless etc.)
	C2: Pain	None	Mild-moderate	Severe
	C3: Other symptoms	None	Mild-Moderate	Severe
	C4: Compliance with treatment (Eg.: ARV's, TB meds, epilepsy meds etc.)	Compliant with all treatment and clinic/hospital visits	Generally compliant but compliancy dependent on several factors (e.g. transport) which may not always be available	Non-compliant
A- Access	A1: Transport	Own vehicle, transport always available	Reliant on public transport but would be able to access transport in an emergency	No transport services, no money for transport
	A 2: Healthcare	Easily accessible, good level of care	Average access, reasonable level of care	Not accessible (too far or very poor healthcare facilities)
R- Resources	R 1: Primary caregiver	Good caregiver, responsible, loving, caring	Satisfactory caregiver but may need extra help in a crisis	Not satisfactory, caregiver not coping, elderly grandparent, childheaded household
	R 2: Financial resources	Well resourced	Adequate but could become a problem if challenged by an unforeseen crisis	Inadequate
E- Emotional needs	E 1: Child (the patient)	Happy, content	Coping but elements of stress, anxiety or depression observed	Uncontained, suicidal
	E 2: Caregiver	Happy, content	Coping but elements of stress, anxiety or depression observed	Uncontained, suicidal
S- Safety	S1: Abuse/neglect	None	Suspicion of abuse/neglect/exploitation	Confirmed abuse/neglect/exploitation
	S2: Environment	Safe	Elements of concern but not life threatening	Unsafe living environment posing a threat to survival

PATCH HOME VISIT CARES SCORE CLASSIFICATION:

- **Level I: All green**
- **Level II: Any orange, some green, no red**
- **Level III: Any red**
- If Red for C1, R1, E1, E2, S1 or S2 : immediate notification of the relevant authorities (child welfare, child protection services etc) is required with consideration of possible removal of the child due to extreme vulnerability.
- If red for C2, C3 or C4 consultation with a healthcare professional is required and hospitalization or admission to an in-patient unit may need to be considered if the symptoms cannot be controlled.
- **SUGGESTED FREQUENCY OF PALLIATIVE CARE INTERVENTION/HOME VISITS**
- Level I: monthly visits
- Level II: 2 weekly visits
- Level III: weekly to daily. Consider in-patient unit admission if possible.

