

<b>Evidence gap identifier</b>	IMEWS1
<b>Brief title</b>	Clinical effectiveness of early warning systems for pregnant and postpartum women during acute maternity care
<b>Report</b>	<a href="#">Irish Maternity Early Warning System (IMEWS) V2</a>
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<b>Identified by</b>	CICER
<b>Supported by</b>	Systematic review
<b>Population</b>	Pregnant/postpartum women
<b>Intervention</b>	Early warning systems
<b>Comparator</b>	Standard care or alternative systems
<b>Outcome(s)</b>	Maternal mortality; maternal critical illness; intensive care unit admission; length of hospital stay
<b>Setting</b>	Acute maternity care
<b>Study design</b>	Randomised controlled trials (RCTs); non-RCTs; controlled before-and-after; interrupted time series
<b>Further information</b>	There was a dearth of studies on the effectiveness of introducing an early warning system on processes of care and patient outcomes in the obstetric population.