

Proposed Alerts/Best Practices Advisory (BPA) for Actual Weights in Kilograms Weight Source:

ALERT:

Today, when a weight is documented, an alert is fired if the weight entered is either too low or high based on growth scales or if the weight entered has changed too dramatically from the previous weight entered. Options to go back and re-enter a weight are available within the alert.



We propose a similar alert at time of entry of Weight Method, to fire for patients less than 18 years of age if:

- Method of Stated, Estimated, or Declined is chosen or
- Weight method is left blank (null).

Offer three quick buttons to indicate need to accept one of those weight methods for the following clinical situations:

- Patient critical and/or unstable
- Broselow tape used
- Declined weight, will notify provider

BPA:

If the above alert is bypassed and/or two hours has passed after documenting one of those three weight methods, we recommend:

- BPA to fire for nursing upon opening chart to alert them an actual weight in kilograms has not yet been documented for patients less than 18 years of age, using an acceptable method including:
 - Standing
 - Infant scale
 - Bed/crib
 - Chair
 - Sling/lift
- Epic to continue to fire BPA for nursing upon opening the chart until a Weight Method other than Stated, Estimated, Declined or Null has been documented.
- BPA will fire immediately if nursing attempts to close triage section without entering a weight in kilograms and acceptable method reminding them both are required at each ED visit

CDT discussion – should there be an option to keep BPA from firing during the entire encounter, such as BH diagnosis?

Entry of actual weight in kilograms including acceptable weight method documented as any of the five options above will suppress both alert and BPA during the ED encounter.