



# The Child Health Network for the Greater Toronto Area *Perinatal Database Project* Fact Sheet / Update – December 2002

## Implementation of Niday Perinatal Database Begins



A training session was held on November 26, 2002 to officially kick-start implementation of the common perinatal database across the CHN. The project is based on adoption of the *Niday Perinatal Database* that was developed by the Perinatal Partnership Program of Eastern and Southeastern Ontario (PPESO). The database uses an internet-based system accessed through a Criticall screen.

Over 40 individuals participated in the November 26, 2002 training session that was organized to:

- Provide an overview and demonstration of the Niday perinatal database (including its purpose, security, use of data, data ownership, etc.);
- Discuss steps involved in implementation of the database (including issuing of user names and passwords by CritiCall); and,
- Provide a forum for responding to questions/concerns of members.

Special thanks go to the following partners assisting the CHN with implementation of the database:

### From PPESO:

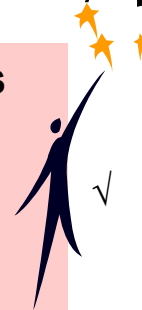
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*Ann Mitchell, Perinatal Coordinator*

### From Toronto Public Health:

*Paul Fleiszer, Manager, Health Information*  
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### From Ontario CritiCall Program:

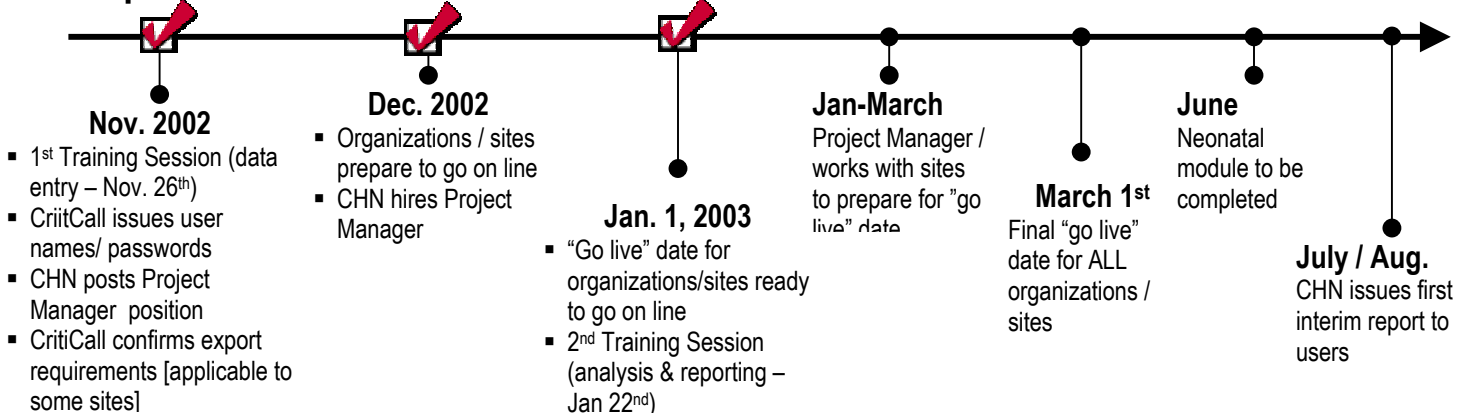
*Shelley Moneta, Executive Director*  
*Colleen Lowe, Project Specialist*



## Benefits of the Niday Perinatal Database

- ✓ Provides immediate access to real-time population-based perinatal data for the entire network.
- ✓ Builds on the success of the regional database in Southeastern Ontario that is now being expanded to several other regions of the province.
- ✓ Allows for cost effective and efficient implementation given involvement of Criticall in the management of the database.
- ✓ Provides opportunities for the CHN to participate in expansion of the database including development of a neonatal module.

## Implementation Timelines & Milestones



## Key Messages

### GOAL

To provide a common, reliable perinatal database across the CHN that will:

- Capture 100% of the births in the GTA (including home and hospital midwife births);
- Allow for improved data, tracking and monitoring of perinatal outcomes.

### CURRENT PRIORITY

To achieve network-wide implementation of the *Niday Perinatal Database* across the CHN:

- Jan 1, 2002: "Go live" date for organizations/sites "ready" to go on line
- March 1, 2003: Final "go live" date for all organizations/sites.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

To build a regional web-based real time system to track perinatal data/information.

To allow hospitals to compare their data with others in the region at anytime.

To use information for planning, evaluation and benchmarking for use by

- hospitals
- public health
- midwifery practice groups

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PROVINCE

To advance the goal of developing a province-wide perinatal database.

To improve the province's ability to plan, monitor and track perinatal activity.



### Final messages:

- The **CHN Project Manager** (Perinatal Database) will contact all CHN organizations as soon as he/she is "on board" to facilitate linkage into the database.
- In the meantime, CHN member organizations/ sites should be preparing to go on line. **The final "go live" deadline is March 1, 2003.** However, those who can be on line January 1, 2003 are encouraged to do so! Good luck!
- The **Second Training Session** to discuss data analysis and reporting will take place on January 22, 2003 at the Michener Institute. Participants will be forwarded a formal invitation in the New Year.



### If you have questions about:

**Exporting files from your database for inclusion in the perinatal database contact:**  
Ontario CitiCall Program - Colleen Lowe, Project Specialist at 905-575-6264.

**Database variables/data entry/training contact:**  
PPESO - Jim Bottomley at 613-737-2393 ext. 2133 (until the CHN has hired the Project Manager)

The project overall, contact the CHN Secretariat at 416-813-6137

*Thank you ... Together, we can make a difference!*