



The Child Health Network for the Greater Toronto Area ***Niday Perinatal Database Project***

Fact Sheet #3 – April 2003



DATABASE PROJECT WELL UNDER WAY

Congratulations to all CHN members for their hard work. As of April 10, 2003 15 out of the 20 CHN hospitals had started entering data into the Niday database system. Of the five outstanding hospital, three are finishing their export files, and two have had to delay implementation because of moving their units.

For questions regarding data entry, report generation or the Niday database, in general, please contact the following individuals:

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Project Manager Hired

A special welcome to Cheryl Hoare, the new Project Manager for the Niday Perinatal Database. Cheryl is a registered nurse with a strong clinical background in labour and delivery and neonatal intensive care. Cheryl began work with the CHN at the end of February. Since that time, she has been working closely with Ann Mitchell and Jim Bottomley from PPEESO, Paul Fleizer and Wil Ng from Toronto Public Health and Trish Simmons from Criticall to get up to speed on the project. Cheryl planned to visit all GTA hospitals in March and April to introduce herself and assist with any implementation issues. Meetings have been delayed because of the SARS situation. Cheryl will be contacting hospitals to rebook her visits.

Implementation Timelines & Milestones

We are hoping to have everyone entering data into the database by the end of April. Toronto Public Health will begin to collect aggregate data at this time. The first report will be issued in the fall of 2003 based on six months of raw data

What's New?

A new report called the "*Niday Perinatal Database Key Indicators Report*" has been added to the list of reports currently available within the "Manager" section. This report includes 16 "pre-programmed" questions that can be run one at a time for your hospital for any time period you select. The report simplifies the process of accessing your data by automating some of the more common questions that are asked (i.e., What is the C/S rate at my hospital? What is the pre-term rate at my hospital? etc.) Give it a try!

Don't Forget !

All data entry should be completed by **two weeks into the next month.**

Close the month once the data is entered.

All sites uploading data must do so no later than **two weeks post month-end** (i.e. for April 30th month end, data must be uploaded by May 12th).



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DATABASE

If I close the month too early, can I continue to enter data for that month?

Yes but please call Cheryl to let her know this has occurred. She will need to make some adjustments from this end.

Can I compare my hospital's data with another hospital's data?

Once we set-up the process, it will be possible to run Comparison Reports. Although not accessible yet, this option will be established over the next few months.

Why do I lose my screen when I'm inputting data?

There is a **time limit of approximately 5 minutes** in which you must complete the entire entry for a baby and save the record. If it takes you longer than that, you will be redirected back to the "Add/Modify" home page and anything you entered for that record will not be saved. Another common reason for losing your record is because of pressing the "enter" key on your keyboard. **DO NOT** use "enter" - it boots you out of the record and back to the "Add/Modify" page. To move between variables, press TAB or use your mouse.

Thank you ... Together, we are CONTINUING TO MAKE a difference!