



The Child Health Network for the Greater Toronto Area

Niday Perinatal Database Project

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HOSPITAL VISITS



Cheryl Hoare, CHN Perinatal Project Manager, has begun visiting hospitals to meet with those involved in implementation of the database. Meetings are planned for May and June.

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Implementation Timelines & Milestones

- Toronto Public Health will be working with the CHN to compile and analyze information from the database. The first reporting period will cover the six-month period from April 1st to September 30th, 2003.
- The first interim report will be released in December 2003.
- The new neonatal module being developed by PPESO has been delayed (due to SARS) and is now being targeted for implementation in the GTA in January 2004.



Comparison reporting (hospital to hospital data sharing) will begin September 2003. This marks a significant milestone for the Network. Facilitating easy information exchange between hospitals will open up new opportunities for network members allowing them to learn, share, and establish benchmarks to improve quality and access to care.

What's New?

The **Niday Perinatal Database Download Database Records** report is now available in the *manager* section of the screen. This provides an output of the raw data that has been entered into the Database for your hospital over a selected time period.

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and the College of Midwifery will be providing the CHN with a way to link the Midwifery Database with the Niday Database. This will allow the CHN to capture 100% of births as part of their analysis.

Don't Forget

- Don't enter 'unknown' for variables unless the data is truly unattainable. Please contact Cheryl if there is difficulty collecting any of the variables.
- For hospitals that have been unable to begin inputting, please remember to backdate data to April 1st once implementation begins.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DATABASE

What postal code do I enter if the patient is homeless or from out of country?

For both these situations you can use the postal code **A9A 9A9**. There is no area with this postal code so confusion will not occur. Please describe in the comment section the situation (i.e., patient is from out of country, patient is homeless).

By January 2004 (assuming that we go live with the new neonatal + screens in January), the system will allow users to enter that information directly using the "residence" field, that will be located right under the postal code.

Currently in the database, there is only a field for capturing who actually performs the delivery. Can a midwife or family physician primary care giver, who has transferred obstetrical care during the delivery (because of need for caesarian section or forcep rotation, etc.), be captured in the data set?

At this time, there is no field to capture this information. The issue has been identified as an area for future consideration when variable expansion occurs.

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