Newborn care in Europe
Launch of the standards of care for newborn health
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Neonatal Mortality for European Region

- Neonatal mortality - European Region
  - Decrease of 37% since 1990
  - Almost flat over last 10 years

- Disparities remain evident
  - 10-fold difference between highest and lowest mortality
Exclusive Breastfeeding Rates for European Region

Latest available data in 2018
European strategy for child and adolescent health

Goals:
- enable children and adolescents to realize their full potential for health, development and well-being
- To reduce their burden of avoidable disease and mortality.

Priorities:
- Making children’s lives visible
- Addressing the unfinished agenda of preventable death and infectious disease
- Transforming the governance of child and adolescent health
- Protecting health and reducing risk
Monitoring of European CAH strategy implementation

Strategy report 2018 - Situation of child and adolescent health in Europe:

- Provides detailed information
  - on the state of child and adolescent health
  - related policies

Country feedback and country profiles

All information accessible
European Health Information Gateway

→ https://gateway.euro.who.int/en/datasets/cah/

Overview of health policies according to the CAH Baseline survey 2016

1. CAH governance and strategy

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<td>- There is intersectoral and cross-governmental planning for CAH</td>
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Quality of care

• Standards are important!
• Pocket Book of hospital care for children
  – Guidelines for the management of common illnesses
  – Symptom-based approach
  – Second edition 2013
• Pocket Book of primary health care for children
  – In development

• Health systems assessment
  – Does the health system deliver what it is supposed to deliver?
  – Universal implementation of supportive approaches, identification of the sick newborn
  – Neonatal transport as tracer intervention
• Perinatal death review for all countries
• Home visits to strengthen transition from hospital to community, assess problems in the home surrounding
Summary

- Newborn survival is not improving any more in Europe
- Quality of care is essential
  - Breastfeeding rates are embarrassingly low
  - Identification and management of at risk newborns
- Countries need to systematically identify and address shortcomings in service delivery for newborns