



Data collection & documentation

Characteristics of health indicators

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Statement of the standard

Quality and health indicators in neonatal health-care comply with published standards and help to increase comparability.



For parents and family

- Parents are informed about collection of personal data where not automatically protected by local legislation.
- Patient reported outcome measures are considered and carefully defined in the development of healthcare indicators.
- Parents are involved in the development of healthcare indicators.



For healthcare professionals

- Information on the importance and appropriateness of healthcare indicators is included within the curricula.



For neonatal unit and hospital

- Healthcare indicators are used for reporting.

Benefits

- Consistent reporting in health outcomes and quality of care
- Increased comparability of quality of healthcare over time and different locations
- Easily understandable indicators of healthcare
- Facilitated judgements and setting of priorities
- Facilitated measurement and tracking clinical performance and outcomes
- Monitoring and evaluation of healthcare quality
- Improved quality of healthcare
- Increased availability of trend analyses
- Facilitated collaboration across sectors
- Facilitated benchmark reporting
- Worldwide comparability of healthcare indicators



For health service

- A national policy statement on the use of valid and reliable healthcare indicators for reporting is available and regularly updated.
- Healthcare indicators need to be selected according to determined and common criteria.
- Standardised reporting at national and international level is carried out and results in appropriate action.
- Routine data is available for research to ensure development of better indicators and the analysis of data for improving practice and policy.
- In recordings of births and deaths, international recommendations are adhered to.

