



## Follow-up and continuing care

## Respiratory outcome

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**Statement of the standard**

Respiratory health is evaluated as part of a follow-up care programme.


**For parents, family  
and children and  
adults born preterm**

- Parents and families are informed about and invited by healthcare professionals to attend follow-up programmes including respiratory assessment.
- Parents and children get recommendations for healthy life style by healthcare professionals.


**For neonatal unit,  
hospital, and  
follow-up team**

- A unit guideline on follow-up including respiratory care is available and regularly updated.
- Symptomatic individuals are referred to appropriate paediatric respiratory services for longer term surveillance.
- Training on the appropriate referral and treatment for high-risk infants with respiratory disease and about health promotion including cessation of household smoking is ensured.

**Benefits**

Short-term benefits: N/A

Long-term benefits:

- Improved identification of individuals who require further diagnostic tests or treatment of respiratory conditions
- Reduced risk of rehospitalisations
- Reduced school absence
- Reduced number of days of restricted activity
- Reduced emergency room visits
- Improved respiratory health


**For healthcare professionals**

- A unit guideline on follow-up including respiratory care is adhered to by all healthcare professionals.
- Training on the appropriate referral and treatment for high-risk infants with respiratory disease and about health promotion including cessation of household smoking is attended by all responsible healthcare professionals.


**For health service**

- A national guideline on follow-up including respiratory care is available and regularly updated.
- RSV immunisation is available for infants following neonatal bronchopulmonary dysplasia.

