



european standards of
care for newborn health

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Newborn health standards – improving quality of care across Europe

Why European Standards of Care for Newborn Health?

Every year 700.000 preterm babies are born in Europe

8.7% of all live birth (6.3 % to 13.3 %)



Differences between European countries



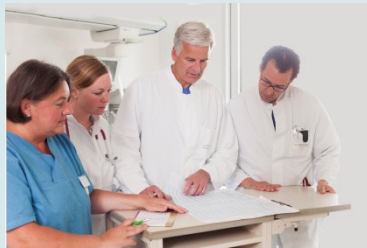
Infrastructure for high-risk pregnancies



Organisation of medical centres



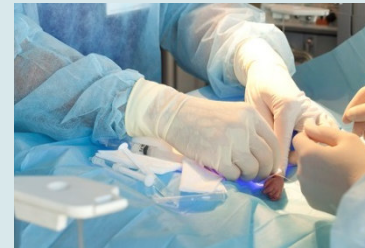
Transport systems



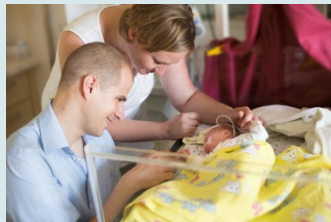
Education of healthcare professionals



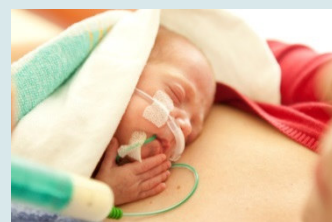
Follow-up and continuing care



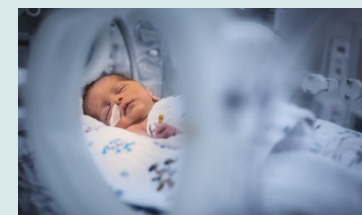
Medical treatment



Level of implementation of infant- and family-centred care



Nutrition



NICU design



Inequalities in care and parent involvement among European countries



Outcome and long-term consequences of preterm birth

- Physical disabilities, e.g. cerebral palsy
- Learning disabilities
- Behaviour problems
- Psychiatric disorders
- Respiratory diseases
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Visual diseases



- Reduced educational attainment
- Reduced earning potential
- Reduced social integration
- Poor adult health



Working together

All stakeholders

- support the development
- actively participate in development process
- endorse the final standards



Kick-off and starting point

- Official start on 7 April 2014 in EU Parliament in Brussels
- Socks for life art exhibition
- Symbolic signing of request for the development of European reference standards by all present stakeholders and visitors of the exhibition



Why is this project so unique?

- Initiated by patient (parent) representatives for patients
 - Parents are involved in every step of the development process
- A true patient centred project
- About 220 experts from more than 30 countries developed the standards
 - Combining forces across countries, disciplines and needs
 - Supported by 158 professional healthcare societies and parent/patient organisations
 - Covers the complexity of neonatal care
 - Promotes the equitable and high levels of care



European Standards of Care for Newborn Health Project



Now we need to act - this Mission is Possible!

- Implement the standards in your country
- Support newborn health on national level
- Join forces on national and international level to improve newborn health
- Work together with parent organisations
- Join us in signing up for the Call to Action for Newborn Health in Europe



Call to Action

for Newborn Health in Europe



The Call to Action has been endorsed by more than 150 healthcare professional societies and parent organisations.

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