



Data collection & documentation

Characteristics of health indicators

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Statement of the standard

Quality and health indicators in neonatal healthcare 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 (12,13) 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.

