



BORN *Information* BITS

This edition of **BORN *Information* Bits** will address questions regarding the NICU/SCN encounter.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. What is the recommended process for entering data for each NICU/SCN encounter?

A. Enter the encounter in two (2) steps:

- 1) Create the encounter at the time of admission
- 2) Enter remaining data at time of NICU/SCN discharge/transfer.

Note: the encounter is a summary of the time (i.e. four hours or four weeks) spent in the NICU/SCN

Q. If a baby is readmitted to the NICU on the same day, can this be captured in the Born Information System?

A. Yes, a baby can have more than one NICU encounter created on the same day in the BORN Information System (BIS). The NICU/SCN encounter captures information on ALL babies who are cared for in a NICU or SCN. A new NICU/SCN encounter is created for each re-admission for any length of time (i.e. short term observation/intervention, acute care admission from labour and birth or postpartum or readmissions from postpartum, palliative care, boarding babies, admissions from other hospitals). Readmissions to NICU/SCN within the same hospital must have prior NICU/SCN encounters completed **before** creating a new encounter.

Q. If a baby is transferred from postpartum the NICU/SCN and subsequently back to postpartum; does the postpartum nurse create a second postpartum encounter?

A. No, only ONE postpartum encounter can be created. It is updated to reflect the current status. For example if the baby is transferred to NICU they would indicate this in the 'discharge to' field. If the baby's condition improved and he/she was transferred back the postpartum unit and is now going home, the postpartum staff would open up the record and update the discharge information accordingly (i.e. change the 'discharge to' field to 'home'.)

Q. How do you capture the care of a baby that is transferred to another hospital and later transferred back to the original sending hospital?

A. In the first NICU encounter created, you would indicate that the baby was transferred to an NICU/SCN other hospital, the name of the other hospital and the reason for transfer. Upon readmission to your NICU unit, you would create a second NICU encounter for the baby.

Q. What if the baby received oxygen therapy for 4 hours; how do you capture that in the BORN Information System?

A. The system allows entry of partial days (e.g. 0.5, 0.25). Information regarding non-invasive ventilation and mechanical ventilator is also captured in days.

Q. Do you have to close the NICU record as you do with Niday?

A. In Niday, users were required to complete the 'Record Status' field (i.e. indicate whether a record was 'open' or 'closed'). This field is not present in the new BORN system. However, users are required to click a 'submit' button in BORN when the record has been completed. The submit button is similar to the 'closed' function in Niday.

Q. What information is available to give to the mother upon discharge?

A. In some organizations, 'passports' or other documents containing relevant pregnancy and birth information are provided to mothers on discharge. The 'Newborn Profile on Discharge' report available in the BORN system is another option for consideration. This report includes birth information, pregnancy risk factors, newborn information, space for additional hand-written notes and a signature line. It appears on the Discharge/ Outcome tab of the NICU Encounter and can be accessed by clicking the magnifying glass icon beside the 'Newborn Profile on Discharge' blue link.

**We want to hear from you!**

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