

Finger Lakes Regional Perinatal Data System

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07/13/2011 Coders Meeting Summary

Four of the twelve hospitals in the region were represented at this months meeting. (Noyes, Rochester General, Lakeside and SMH).

I. Introduction:

Anna Solomonik is leaving and going into nursing.

Barbara Suter has a new address – 265 Crittenden Blvd. CU 420644 Rochester, New York 14642-0644 Phone number 585-276-3349 Fax number 585-424-1469.

II. Statewide Perinatal Data System Update:

Hearing Screening – Beginning July 1, 2011

Chapter 220 of the Laws of 2010 amended New York State public health law to require hospitals and other health care providers to report individual hearing screening results to the New York Department of Health. The legislation is intended to increase newborn infant's hearing screening rates and improve the accuracy of newborn infant hearing screening by improving the quality of data collected, and through tracking and surveillance of newborn infant hearing screening results. Hospital registrars will be required to input additional data elements to support Hearing Screening when submitting vital record birth certificate information for children born in New York State outside of New York City.

This communication serves to notify you of additional data elements required when submitting vital record birth certificate information for children born in New York State outside of New York City. A new section labeled Hearing Screening (HS) has been added to collect the following information:

1. *Equipment Type*: In this field, enter the type of equipment used to screen the newborn infant.
2. *Screening Results (Left Ear)*: In this field, enter the results of the hearing screening for the left ear.
3. *Screening Results (Right Ear)*: In this field, enter the results of the hearing screening for the right ear.
4. *Date Hearing Screening Conducted*: In this field, enter the date the hearing screening was conducted.

Please note that in the 'help' tab you will find updated [2011 Guidelines](#), [2011 Work Booklet](#) and [Contact Sheet](#) that provide more specific details on this release.

Question: We do our hearing screens and if they do not pass one or both ears before they are discharged we have them return in 1 -2 weeks to re-try them. If at this point they do not pass then the baby is referred. So the options on the SPDS are not really accurate. It is not simply pass or refer at discharge. A repeat option would be good to have.

If we do choose refer are we suppose to refer the baby at discharge instead having the baby come back?

Answer: 'Refer' was used in place of 'failed' (no one likes to fail anything these days!). Those who passed the test will be recorded as such – those who need to be retested are to be coded as 'refer' .

If anyone has any questions please contact Justin Hausman 518-473-7016 or e-mail him at jxh25@helath.state.ny.us.

This is the link to the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM). This is an informational streaming video as well as a download of power point slides.

http://www.infanthearing.org/nhstc_dvd/index.html

The Grant from New York State has been reduced so there are some changes coming. First of all the mini grant programs have been removed, the forum will be modified, the coder meeting will be every three months and maybe more things thru e-mail.

Infants Who Are Transferred: The decision has been made by the NYSDOH to code these fields to reflect the infant status at the time of transfer. This means that the coding for 'Is the Infant Still Alive?' for transferred infants would be 'Yes' (alive) and the coding for the feeding question would be based on whatever the infant had been fed (if anything) prior to transfer.

III. Coder Fax:

We would like **every** hospital to provide a chart for the coder fax review this year.

During the meeting we took out time to code the May coder fax and this allowed us time to discuss our answers while they're still fresh.

IV Medical Chart Review:

We coded a complete medical record at the March meeting and this month we reviewed the summary of errors. The review was broken down into the field, number of errors, percent of correct and number of missed and then an explanation. Those who did not attend the meeting will have a copy of the report in your mailing.

V Meeting Closure:

We will be holding our next Coder Meeting at Barnes and Noble at 100 Park Point in Rochester (on the RIT campus) on OCTOBER 12th (remember there is NO September meeting). We are also planning a meeting at one of the hospitals in the Southern Tier on November 19th. I'll let you know where this meeting will be held in early October. Please plan to attend one of these meetings.

We will be doing the attached Coder Fax at these meetings. If you know you will not be able to attend either meeting please complete the Coder Fax and fax it to me by October 1st. Thank you in advance!

If you have any topics you would like presented or discussed please let us know.

