

Instructions for Completion of Denominators for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) (CDC 57.116)

Data Field	Instructions for Data Collection
Facility ID #	The NHSN-assigned facility ID will be auto-entered by the computer.
Location code	Required. Enter the location code of the unit where you collect the data.
Month	Required. Record the 2-digit month during which the data were collected for this location.
Year	Required. Record the 4-digit year during which the data were collected for this location.
Birthweight Categories	Required. The birthweight categories are as follows: A = ≤ 750 g; B = 751-1000 g; C = 1001-1500 g; D = 1501-2500 g; E = >2500 g. Data on this form are stratified by this category.
Number of patients (Pts)	Required. For each day of the month selected, record the number of patients in each birthweight category on the unit. Record this number at the same time each day.
Number of patients with a central line (CL)	<p>Conditionally required. Complete if you have chosen central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) as an event to follow in your Plan for this month for this unit.</p> <p>All patients with at least one central line in place at the time of the count are included in the denominator regardless of access or the number of days the central line has been in place.</p> <p>NOTE: Count only one device day per patient per calendar day regardless of how many central lines the patient may have in place.</p> <p>Use the manual data collection method, to collect this data or capture the data electronically, as below:</p> <p>Manual Method:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For each day of the month, at the same time each day, record the number of patients in each birthweight category on the selected unit who have at least 1 central line. CL device day counts for denominator summary data begin on the date of insertion or the date of admission if the patient is admitted with a central line in place and continues until the device is removed from the body or the patient is discharged, whichever comes first. At the end of the month, total the daily counts and record the sums by birthweight category for the month, in the NHSN system for Central Line Days under the option to Add Summary Data.

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	<p>Electronic Capture:</p> <p>For <u>any</u> location, when denominator data are available from electronic sources (for example, central line days from electronic charting), these sources may be used as long as the counts are not substantially different (+/- 5%) from manually-collected, once a day counts, pre-validated for a minimum of three consecutive months.</p> <p>When converting from one electronic counting system to another electronic counting system, the new electronic system should be validated against manual counts as above. If electronic counts for the new electronic system are not within 5% of manual counts, resume manual counting and continue working with IT staff to improve design of electronic denominator data extraction (while reporting manual counts) until concurrent counts are within 5% for 3 consecutive months.</p> <p>Note: This guideline is important because validating a new electronic counting system against an existing electronic system can magnify errors and result in inaccurate denominator counts.</p> <p>The validation of electronic counts should be performed for each location separately.</p> <p>At the end of the month, record the sums of central line days by birthweight category for the month, in the NHSN system for Central Line Days under the option to Add Summary Data.</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umbilical catheters are considered central lines. • If a device has been pulled on the first day of the month in a location where there are no other device days in that month, and a device-associated infection develops after the device is pulled, attribute the infection to the previous month.
<p>Number of patients on a ventilator (VNT)</p>	<p>Conditionally required. Complete if you have chosen Pediatric Ventilator-Associated Event (PedVAE) as an event to follow in your Plan for this month for this unit. This field can optionally be completed even though Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (PedVAP) surveillance cannot be included in your Plan in a NICU location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All patients on a ventilator at the time of the count are included in the denominator regardless of eligibility for inclusion in PedVAE or PedVAP surveillance, including ventilator days for patients on mechanical ventilation for < 3 days (specifically ventilator day 1 and day 2 are included in the denominator count) and ventilator days for patients on extracorporeal life support or paracorporeal membrane oxygenation. • Use the manual data collection method to collect this data or capture the data electronically, as below:

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	<p>Manual Method:</p> <p>For each day of the month, at the same time each day, record the number of patients in each birthweight category on the selected unit who are on a ventilator. At the end of the month, total the daily counts and record the sums by birthweight category in the NHSN system for Ventilator Days, under the option to Add Summary Data.</p> <p>Electronic Capture:</p> <p>For <u>any</u> location, when denominator data are available from electronic sources (for example, ventilator days from electronic charting), these sources may be used as long as the counts are not substantially different (+/- 5%) from manually-collected, once a day counts, pre-validated for a minimum of three consecutive months.</p> <p>When converting from one electronic counting system to another electronic counting system, the new electronic system should be validated against manual counts as above. If electronic counts for the new electronic system are not within 5% of manual counts, resume manual counting and continue working with IT staff to improve design of electronic denominator data extraction (while reporting manual counts) until concurrent counts are within 5% for 3 consecutive months. Note: This guideline is important because validating a new electronic counting system against an existing electronic system can magnify errors and result in inaccurate denominator counts.</p> <p>The validation of electronic counts should be performed for each location separately.</p> <p>At the end of the month, record the sums of ventilator days by birthweight category for the month in the NHSN system for Ventilator Days, under the option to Add Summary Data.</p> <p>NOTE: If a device has been pulled on the first day of the month in a location where there are no other device days in that month, and a device-associated infection develops after the device is pulled, it is recommended to attribute the infection to the previous month.</p>
<p>Number of Episodes of Mechanical Ventilation</p>	<p>Optional. "Number of Episodes of Mechanical Ventilation (EMV)": This field is an optional field if you have chosen PedVAE as an event to follow in your Plan for this month. Count <u>all</u> patients, regardless of eligibility for inclusion in PedVAE surveillance, that were on mechanical ventilation in the location on the first day of the month. On each subsequent day, count each additional patient that was started on mechanical ventilation. This would include those that are admitted to the location already on mechanical ventilation, those that are newly ventilated, and any previously ventilated patients who have new episodes of mechanical ventilation occurring during the same</p>

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	<p>month. At the end of the month total all counts. Day 1 Episodes plus all subsequent day Episodes equals the total EMV for the month.</p> <p>NOTE: An episode of mechanical ventilation is defined by the number of consecutive days during which the patient was mechanically ventilated. A period of at least 1 calendar day off the ventilator, followed by reintubation or re-initiation of mechanical ventilation, defines a new episode of mechanical ventilation. A patient may have more than one episode of mechanical ventilation per month.</p>
<p>Number of patients with an indwelling urinary catheter (UrC)</p>	<p>Optional. This field can be completed even though NICU CAUTI surveillance cannot be included in your plan. All patients with an indwelling urinary catheter in place at the time of the count are included in the denominator regardless of the number of days the catheter has been in place (i.e., catheter day 1 and day 2 are included in the denominator count). Use the manual data collection method, to collect this data or capture the data electronically, as below:</p> <p>Manual Method:</p> <p>For each day of the month, at the same time each day, record the number of patients in each birthweight category on the selected unit who have an indwelling urinary catheter. At the end of the month, total the daily counts and record the sums by birthweight category, in the NHSN system for Urinary Catheter Days under the option to Add Summary Data.</p> <p>Electronic Capture:</p> <p>For <u>any</u> location, when denominator data are available from electronic sources (for example, urinary catheter days from electronic charting), these sources may be used as long as the counts are not substantially different (+/- 5%) from manually-collected, once a day counts, pre-validated for a minimum of three consecutive months.</p> <p>When converting from one electronic counting system to another electronic counting system, the new electronic system should be validated against manual counts as above. If electronic counts for the new electronic system are not within 5% of manual counts, resume manual counting and continue working with IT staff to improve design of electronic denominator data extraction (while reporting manual counts) until concurrent counts are within 5% for 3 consecutive months.</p> <p>Note: This guideline is important because validating a new electronic counting system against an existing electronic system can magnify errors and result in inaccurate denominator counts.</p> <p>The validation of electronic counts should be performed for each location separately.</p>

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	<p>At the end of the month, record the sums of urinary catheter days by birthweight category for the month, in the NHSN system for Urinary Catheter Days under the option to Add Summary Data.</p> <p>NOTE: If a device has been pulled on the first day of the month in a location where there are no other device days in that month, and a device-associated infection develops after the device is pulled, attribute the infection to the previous month.</p>
Total	Required. Totals for each column should be calculated. This is the number that will be entered into the NHSN application.
Report No Events	While not on the paper data collection form, when completing summary data entry online, if no events included on your monthly reporting plan are reported, you will be required to check the appropriate Report No Events box(es).
Custom Fields	<p>Optional. Up to 50 fields may be customized for local or group use in any combination of the following formats: date (MMDDYYYY), numeric, or alphanumeric.</p> <p>NOTE: Each Custom Field must be set up in the Facility/Custom Options section of NHSN before the field can be selected for use.</p>

Instructions for Completion of PedVAE Optional Denominators for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

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Facility ID #	The NHSN-assigned facility ID will be auto-entered by the computer.
Location code	Required. Enter the location code of the unit where you collect the data.
Month	Required. Record the 2-digit month during which the data were collected for this location.
Year	Required. Record the 4-digit year during which the data were collected for this location.
Gestational Age Categories	Optional. The gestational age categories are as follows: A = Extremely preterm (<28 weeks), B = Very preterm (28 to <32 weeks), C = Moderate to late preterm (32 to <37 weeks), D = Term (≥37 weeks).
Number of patients (Pts)	Optional. For each day of the month selected, record the number of patients in each gestational age category on the unit. Record this number at the same time each day.
Number of patients on a ventilator (VNT)	<p>Optional. Complete if you have chosen Pediatric Ventilator Associated Event (PedVAE) as an event to follow in your Plan for this month for this unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All patients on a ventilator at the time of the count are included in the denominator regardless of eligibility for inclusion in PedVAE surveillance, including ventilator days for patients on mechanical ventilation for < 3 days (specifically ventilator day 1 and day 2 are included in the denominator count) and ventilator days for patients on extracorporeal life support or paracorporeal membrane oxygenation. Use the manual data collection method, to collect this data or capture the data electronically, as below: <p>Manual Method:</p> <p>For each day of the month, at the same time each day, record the number of patients in each gestational age category on the selected unit who are on a ventilator. At the end of the month, total the daily counts and record the sums by gestational age category in the NHSN system for Ventilator Days under the option to Add Summary Data.</p> <p>Electronic Capture:</p> <p>For <u>any</u> location, when denominator data are available from electronic sources (for example, ventilator days from electronic charting), these sources may be used as long as the counts are not substantially different (+/- 5%) from manually-collected, once a day counts, pre-validated for a minimum of three consecutive months.</p>

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<p>Number of Episodes of Mechanical Ventilation</p>	<p>Optional. “Number of Episodes of Mechanical Ventilation (EMV)”: This field is an optional field if you have chosen PedVAE as an event to follow in your Plan for this month. Count <u>all</u> patients, regardless of eligibility for inclusion in PedVAE surveillance, that were on mechanical ventilation in the location on the first day of the month. On each subsequent day, count each additional patient that was started on mechanical ventilation. This would include those that are admitted to the location already on mechanical ventilation, those that are newly ventilated, and any previously ventilated patients who have new episodes of mechanical ventilation occurring during the same month. At the end of the month total all counts. Day 1 Episodes plus all subsequent day Episodes equals the total EMV for the month.</p> <p>Note: An episode of mechanical ventilation is defined by the number of consecutive days during which the patient was mechanically ventilated. A period of at least 1 calendar day off the ventilator, followed by reintubation or re-initiation of mechanical ventilation, defines a new episode of mechanical ventilation. A patient may have more than one episode of mechanical ventilation per month.</p>
<p>Total</p>	<p>Optional. Totals for each column should be calculated. This is the number that will be entered into the NHSN application.</p>
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Custom Fields	<p>Optional. Up to 50 fields may be customized for local or group use in any combination of the following formats: date (MMDDYYYY), numeric, or alphanumeric.</p> <p>NOTE: Each Custom Field must be set up in the Facility/Custom Options section of NHSN before the field can be selected for use.</p>