



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>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 1 or more central line(s). Central line days are counted beginning with the date of insertion or, if the infant is admitted with a permanent line in place, the first day of access and continuing until the line is physically removed or the patient is discharged from the facility. "Access" is defined as line placement, infusion or withdrawal through the line.</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.
Number of patients on a ventilator (VNT)	<p>Optional. This field can be completed even though NICU-VAP surveillance cannot be included in your plan.</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.</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>



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Number of patients with an indwelling urinary catheter (UrC)	<p>Optional. This field can be completed even though NICU CAUTI surveillance cannot be included in your plan.</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 on-line, if no events included on your monthly reporting plan are reported, you will be required to check the appropriate Report No Events box(es), i.e., CLABSI. .
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>