Digital Mother-Child Health Care





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Digital child health: opportunities and obstacles. A joint statement of European Academy of Paediatrics and European Confederation of Primary Care Paediatricians Frontiers December 2023

The EAP and the ECPCP strongly support the development of European Health

Data Space and emphasise that health data regarding children and adolescents must

be possible to use at every contact with healthcare wherever this contact takes place in Europe.

Standardizing digital data using appropriate protocols of interoperability would make it possible to interpret the information in all computerised systems despite the different languages in Europe.



Brussels, March 18th 2025

To mark the adoption of the European Health Data Space (EHDS)

Regulation—published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 5 March 2025—

the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) and the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) hosted a high-level event in Brussels, under the auspices of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU.



Dubrovnik, April 4-5 2025

The EAP and ECPCP adopted a statement embracing the EHDS.

However, medical doctors are <u>not</u> trained in informatics.

A short survey among paediatricians on their knowledge of digital standards revealed that the EAP spring meeting

17/20 ICD (international classification for disease) (85%),

5/20 LOINC (observations and measurements) (25%),

4/20 ICF (functioning) (20%),

2/20 HL7 (10%).



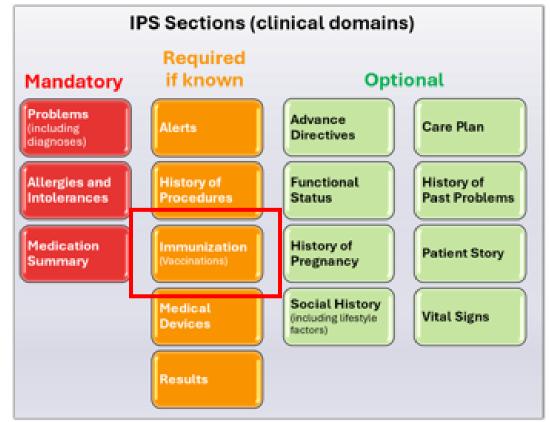
International Patient Summary updated October 2025

https://international-patient-summary.net/iso-27269/



ISO 27269:2025 – The International Patient Summary







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What is ISO?

ISO is the short name for the International Organization for Standardization. https://www.iso.org/healthcare/electronic-health-records

It is a matter of building on the basics: turning a

simple patient chart into an electronic health record (EHR)



What is the International Patient Summary



As specified in ISO 27269, the IPS dataset is a "minimal, nonexhaustive set of data elements required for the international patient summary".

A Patient Summary is defined by ISO/TR 12773-1:2009 as a "Health record extract comprising a standardized collection of clinical and contextual information (retrospective, concurrent, prospective) that provides a **snapshot in time of a subject of care's health information and healthcare."**



IPS in FHIR



The "IPS"



Composed from the "IPS Library"









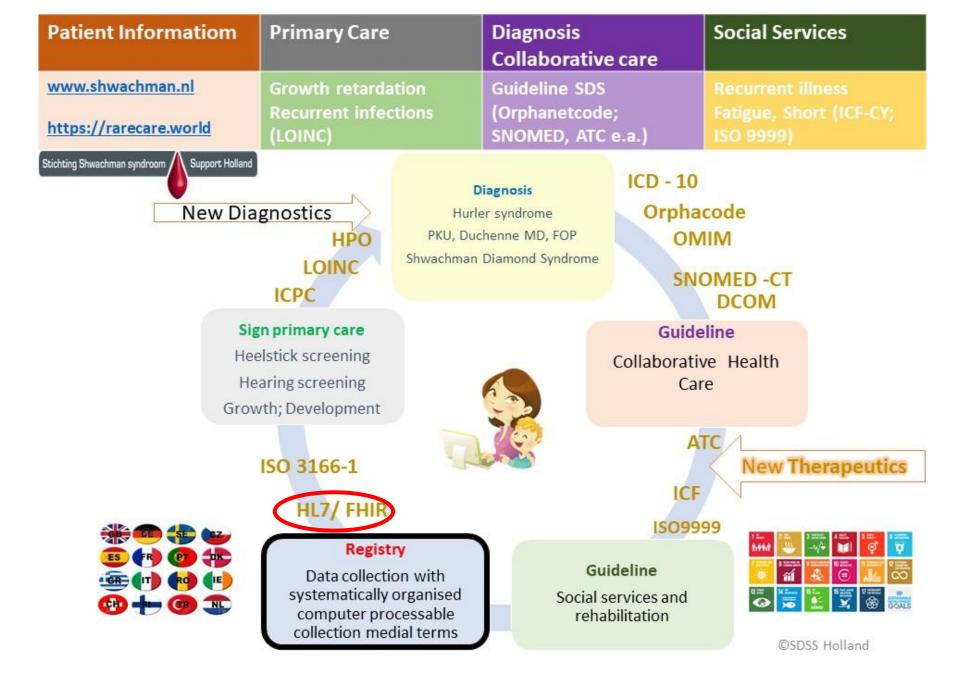






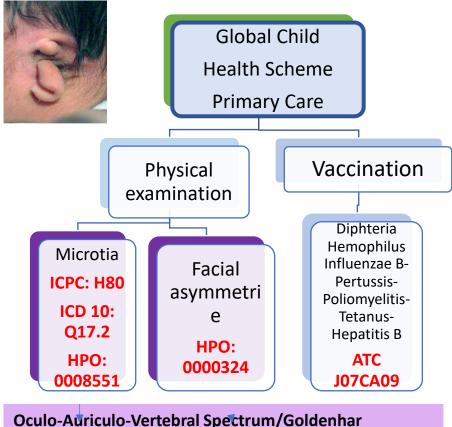


Profiles



International terminologies as a tool for interoperability in child health

Towards a Global Integrated Digital Preventive Child Health Model



One code = One meaning

ICPC: International Classification of Primary

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Care

HPO: Human Phenotype Ontology

LOINC Standard for identifying health measurements, observations, and documents

ICD: International Classification of Diseases

ICF: International Classification of function

ATC: Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification System

ORPHA: Classification of rare diseases

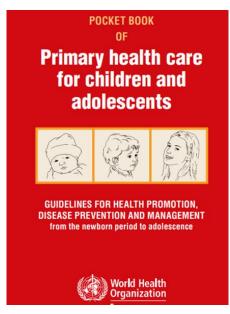
OMIM: Catalog of Human Genes and Genetic

Disorders

Use of terminologies enables semantic interoperability between systems using HL7 CDA and FHIR

ORPHA:141132 Oculo-auriculo-vertebral spectrum OMIM # 164210 HEMIFACIAL MICROSOMIA; HFM

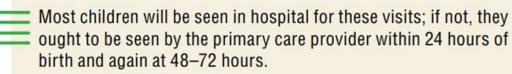




The health information system ensures

the collection, analysis and use of data to ensure early, appropriate action to improve the care of every child

3.2 Well-child visit: birth - 72 hours



- Look for congenital diseases and jaundice
- · Support caregivers.

History

- Problems during pregnancy, e.g. diabetes, medications, substance abuse, acute or chronic infections, mental or social stress, abnormal test results, e.g. positive group B Streptococcus, HIV, hepatitis B)
- Mode of delivery and problems during or after birth
- Congenital disorders in the family, e.g. hip problems
- Hip dysplasia risk factors, e.g. twin pregnancy, breech position
- Problems passing meconium and urine

What does this mean?



- If we communicate an observation result, we need to:
 - Identify the observation type: what is it that we are observing
 - Result description: readable text for anyone to understand
 - Result value: depending on the observation type, it needs to be agreed how the result value is structured, such as:
 - Yes/No
 - Number with units of measurement
 - Code and name of organism identified in a sample
- One of the problems is to differentiate between the observation type and the result value
 - Is the test for organisms in general, with MRSA as a possible result
 - Is the test for MRSA in particular, with Yes/No as a possible result

The IPS Section Results



H1	Н2	Н3	H4	Conformance	Description	Subclause containing further details
IPS section Synonyms: Acronyms:	Observations			RK	Required if information about Results is known.	22.2
	Observation	n results		R	List	22.3
	Observation result			R	Label Concept	
			Date of observation	R	Date Time or Period	
			Observation type	R	Coded Element	22.4
		Result description		RK	Text	22.5
Result value		Result value	C Any		22.6	
Obs		Observation result	С	Label Concept	22.7	
		Performer		0	Healthcare Provider	22.8
			Observer	RK	Healthcare Provider	<u>22.9</u>

Different levels of coding result values



- Clinical measurement for an individual patient
 - HbA1c 53 mmol/mol
 - Observation type: 59261-8 (LOINC) "HbA1c standardized per IFCC-RMP for CDT (Bld) [Molar fraction]"
 - Result value: 53 mmol/mol
- Clinical observation for an individual patient
 - History of high blood glucose
 - Observation type: 97062-4 (LOINC) "Hx of High blood glucose"
 - Result value: YES

Apgar Score LOINC and SNOMED CT



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LOINC CODE LONG COMMON NAME

48332-1 10 minute Apgar panel

Reference Information

Type	Source	Reference
Article	NCBI PubMed	lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:
Article	NCBI PubMed	American Academy of Pediatrics, Committee on Fetus and Newborn; American College of C Obstetric Practice. The Apgar score. Pediatrics. 2006 Apr;117(4):1444-7. Link to PubMed

Panel Hierarchy

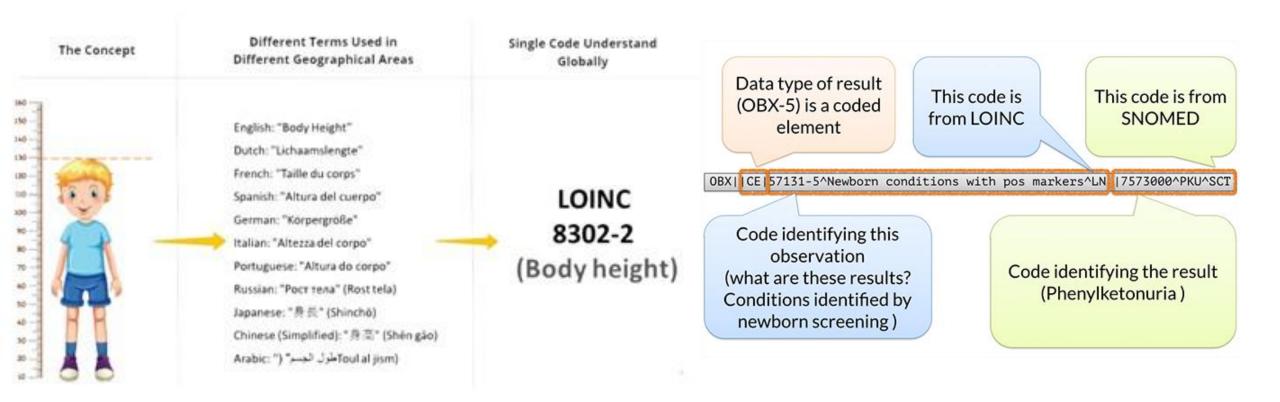
Details for each LOINC in Panel LHC-Forms

LOINC	Name	R/O/C	Cardinality
48332-1	10 minute Apgar panel		
32401-2	10 minute Apgar Color		11
32402-0	10 minute Apgar Heart rate		11
32404-6	10 minute Apgar Reflex irritability		11
32403-8	10 minute Apgar Muscle tone		11
32405-3	10 minute Apgar Respiratory effort		11
9271-8	10 minute Apgar Score		11

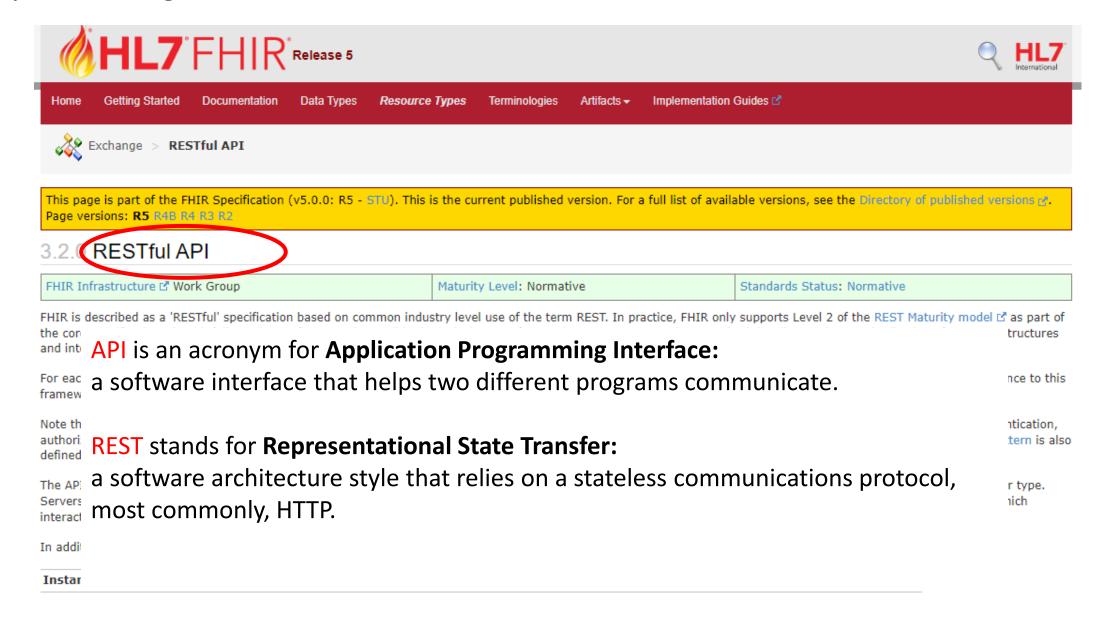
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Apgar score 4 (finding)
Apgar score 5 (finding)
Apgar score 0 (finding)
Apgar score 8 (finding)
Apgar score 9 (finding)
Apgar score 3 (finding)
Apgar score 1 (finding)
Apgar score 7 (finding)
Apgar score 6 (finding)
Apgar score 10 (finding)
Apgar score at 5 minutes (observable entity)
Apgar score at 20 minutes (observable entity)
Apgar score at 10 minutes (observable entity)
Apgar score at 15 minutes (observable entity)



Problems, Immunizations, Medication, Results

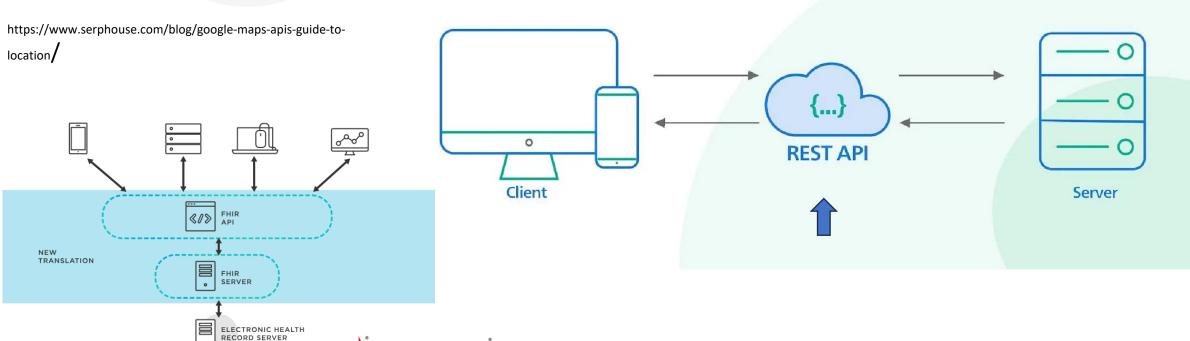


Terminologies enable semantic interoperability in health information exchange standards systems using HL7 CDA and FHIR





Why is RESTful API so popular



Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources

https://blog.bytebytego.com/p/why-is-restful-api-so-popular

MEDICAL RECORD DATABASE



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Table 2: Summary of WHO Position Papers - Recommended Routine Immunizations for Children

Antig		Age of 1st Dose	Doses in Primary	Inter	rval Between Doses		Booster Dose	Con	nsiderations	
Alluş	jeli	Age of 1st Dose	Series	1st to 2nd	2 rd to 3 rd	3 rd to 4 th	Booster Dose	(see foo	tnotes for details)	
Recommendat	ions for all cl	hildren								
BCG 1		As soon as possible after birth	1						V; Universal vs selective dministration; Vaccination is; Pregnancy	
Hepatitis B ²	Option 1 As soon as possible after birth (<24h)		4 weeks (min) with DTPCV2 4 weeks (min) with DTPCV2			Premature and lo Co-administration High risk groups	w birth weight; and combination vaccine;			
	"Preferred schedule" (fractional Salk-IPV permitted)	bOPV 6 weeks IPV 14 weeks	5 (3 bOPV and 2 IPV)	bOPV 4 weeks (min) (e.g. with DTPCV2) IPV ≥ 4 months (min) (e.g. with MCV)	bOPV 4 weeks (min) (e.g. with DTPCV3)					
	bOPV+IPV "Early Option" (full dose IPV only)	bOPV 6 weeks IPV 6 weeks	5 (3 bOPV and 2 IPV)	bOPV 4 weeks (min) (e.g. with DTPCV2) IPV 14 weeks (min) (e.g. with DTPCV3)	bOPV 4 weeks (min) (e.g. with DTPCV3)			bOPV birth dose; Type of vaccine; Fractional dose II Transmission and Local epidemiolo implications and	importation risk;	
Polio 3	IPV / bOPV Sequential	8 weeks (IPV 1 st) bOPV (4-8 weeks after 2 st IPV)	4 (2 IPV followed by ≥ 2 bOPV)	IPV (4-8 weeks)	bOPV (4-8 weeks)	bOPV (4-8 weeks)				
	IPV-only	IPV-only 6-8 weeks		4-8 weeks	4-8 weeks		IPV booster (6 months after 3 rd dose) is needed when 1st dose given at < 8 weeks	a very low risk of	in polio-free regions with importation and sustained inisation coverage (DTP3	
	Alternative IPV-only (fractional permitted)	≥14 weeks	2	≥ 4 months (e.g. with MCV)				> 90%)	,	
DTP-containing vaccine ⁴		6 weeks (min)	3	4 weeks (min) - 8 weeks	4 weeks (min) - 8 weeks		3 Boosters 12-23 months (DTP-containing vaccine); 4-7 years (Td/ DT containing vaccine), see footnotes; and 9-15 yrs (Td)	Delayed/ interrul Combination vacci immunization		

Befor to https://www.who.int/teams/immunization-vaccines-and-biologicals/policies/position-papers for table 8 position paper undates

This table summarizes the WHO vaccination recommendations for children. The ages/intervals cited are for the development of country specific schedules and are not for health workers.

lational schedules should be based on local epidemiologic, programmatic, resource & policy considerations. While vaccines are universally recommended, some children may have contraindications to particular vaccines.

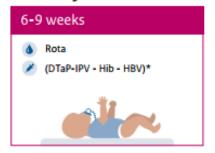
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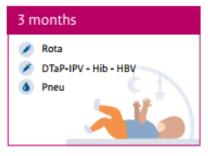


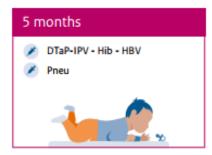


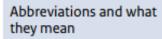
Which vaccinations will my child receive?











RS Respiratory syncytial virus

(RSV)

Rota Rotavirus

D Diphtheria

Whooping cough (pertussis)

Tetanus Polio

lib Haemophilus influenzae

type b

HBV Hepatitis B virus
Pneu Pneumococcal disease

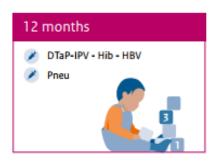
M Mumps M Measles R Rubella

MenACWY Meningococcal disease

types ACWY

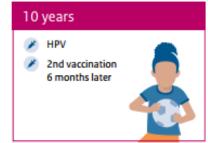
HPV Human papillomavirus

Questions? Ask at the well-baby clinic or go to rijksvaccinatieprogramma.nl/en

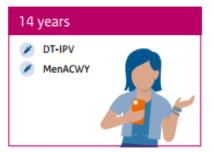












^{*} Only if the mother was not vaccinated against whooping cough during pregnancy (maternal whooping cough vaccination).

This extra vaccine dose is also given in special circumstances. The paediatrician will discuss this with you.

DTaP-IPV - Hib — HBV vaccination Dependant on mother and child data

maternal pertussis vaccination in Netherlands

In the Netherlands children's first year pertussis vaccination scheme has two variants in months of age depending on several data of mother, pregnancy and child: 2-3-5-12 or 3-5-12

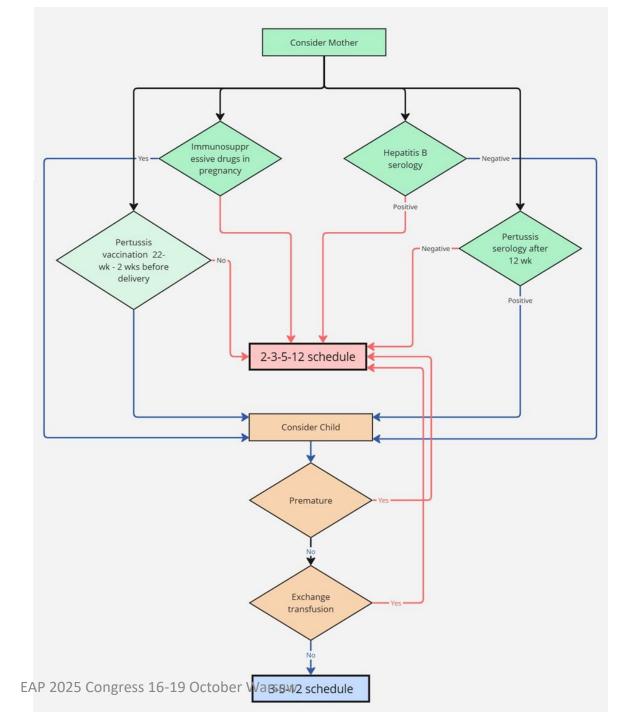
To make data interoperable we need to select data points are illustrated as [person – data point] necessary to exchange data from one (or more) providers / institute.

Maternal/Infant condition	Child's vaccination schedule
Mother vaccinated against pertussis during pregnancy (at ≥22 weeks and ≥2 weeks before delivery)	3–5–12 months
Mother had pertussis infection (proven by serology or PCR after 12+ weeks gestation)	3–5–12 months
Mother is hepatitis B carrier	2–3–5–12 months
Mother took immunosuppressive drugs during pregnancy (e.g., Infliximab)	2-3-5-12 months
Child born premature (<37 weeks)	2-3-5-12 months
Child had an exchange blood transfusion	2-3-5-12 months

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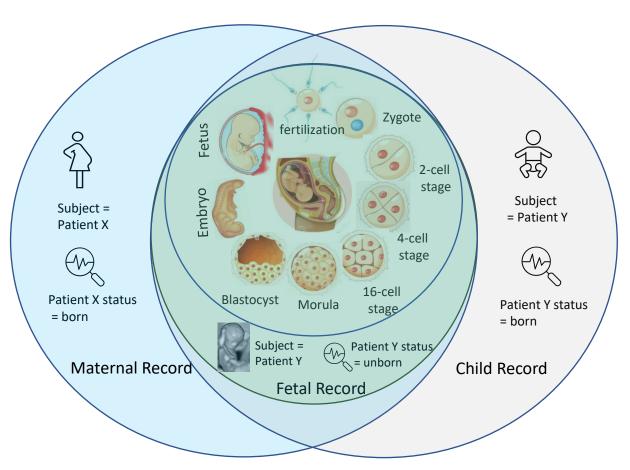
* * * * * EAP * * * *	IS MATERNAL PERTUSSIS VACCINATION PERFORMED IN YOUR COUNTRY/ REGION?	IF SO DOES THAT LEAD TO AN ADJUSTED CHILD VACCINATION SCHEME	ARE THERE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS TO BE CONSIDERED TO DECIDE ABOUT CHILD VACCINATION SCHEME?
LITHUANIA	Maternal pertussis vaccination is strongly recommended during pregnancy in Lithuania and is reimbursed by the government	Maternal vaccination status currently has no influence on infant vaccination schedule as the vaccination rates during pregnancy are low (less than 20 %).	- Individualized vaccination schedules are applied only in children with chronic or immunocompromising conditions.
HUNGARY	The mothers are informed, but it's not mandatory	first vaccine at age 2 months, next: 3 month, next: 4 month	Contraindications for vaccination: 1. Feverish illness 2. Immunological impairment: 3. Previous occurrence of serious adverse events following vaccination
FINLAND	Yes, must check the status, and if not adequately covered, booster is strongly recommended	No	Yes, a minority (immunodeficient, extremely preterm, certain risk groups etc.) gets an individualised scheme
GERMANY	Tdap Vaccine issued regularly in Pregnancy and offered/recommended nationally.	Schedule is: TdPaP+hib+hepB plus Pneumococcus at 2-4-12 months. (since 2020)	Special groups
ITALY	In Italy, maternal vaccination against pertussis is recommended and actively offered during each pregnancy, preferably between the 27th and 36th week of gestation, using the Tdap vaccine	No. Maternal vaccination does not modify or delay the standard child vaccination schedule in Italy.	Yes. While the standard vaccination schedule applies to all healthy infants, specific clinical conditions may require tailored vaccination approaches,
TURKEY	In Turkey, maternal pertussis vaccination has just started in April 2025.	Child vaccination scheme is still sameOctober Warsaw	

DTaP-IPV - Hib — HBV Dependant on mother and child data



Child Health & Obstetrics International Collaboration and Exploration

Conceptual diagram: Mother-Fetus-Child concepts, 2022



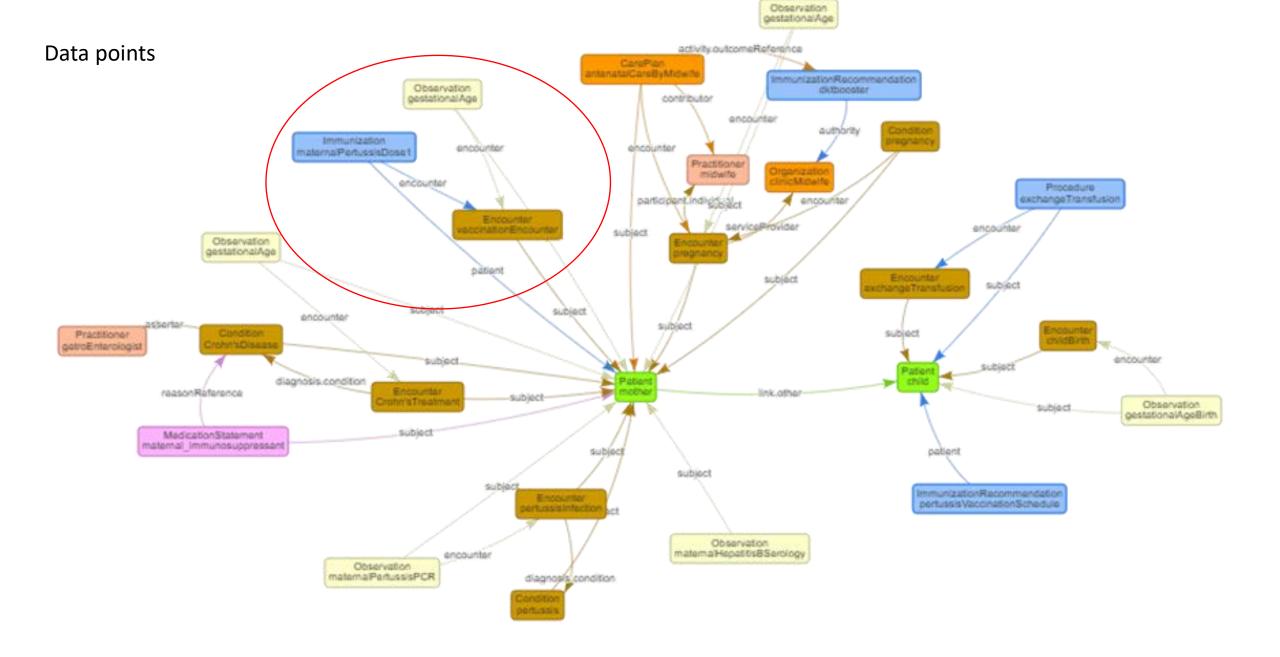


Key modelling question:

At what stage/when does a fetus stop being a body part of the pregnant woman and becomes an entity

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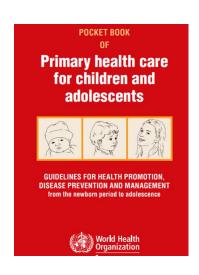
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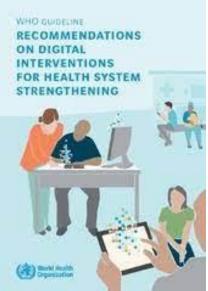
Digital Modelling of Primary Child Health



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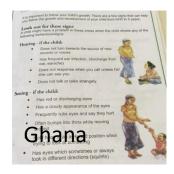






Preventive Child Health Records







amily is unique; therefore, these Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care are

care of children who are receiving competent parenting, have no manifestations of any problems, and are growing and developing in satisfactory fashion. Additional visits may

al, psychosocial, and chronic disease issues for children and adolescents may require











iry if circumstances suggest variations from normal.

ing and treatment visits separate from preventive care visits.

2015 Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric

Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatric
These guidelines represent a consensus by the American Academy of Pediatri
Bright Futures. The AAP continues to emphasize the great importance of continues.

comprehensive health supervision and the need to avoid fragmentation of care
Refer to the specific guidance by age as listed in Bright Futures guidelines I
Shaw JS, Duncan PM, eds. Bright Futures Guidelines for Health Supervision of
and Adolescents. 3rd ed. Elik Grove VIIIage, IL: American Academy of Pediatric

	300	INFANCY					EARLY CHILDHOOD					MID					
AGE ¹	Prenatal*	Newborn	3-5 d	By 1 mo	2 mo	4 mo	6 mo	9 mo	12 mo	15 mo	18 mo	24 mo	30 mo	3 y	4 y	5 y	6 y
HISTORY Initial/Interval							•	•	•					•	•		
MEASUREMENTS					- 3		1/2						3	9			
Length/Height and Weight		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Head Circumference		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Weight for Length		•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•						
Body Mass Index ⁶											0	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Vision		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	●7	•	•	•
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TAL/BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT							-										
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sychosocial/Behavioral Assessment									•		•	•	•				



Beta Thalassemia

A four Month Old Child at PHC Visit In Sri Lanka

7.14 Thalassaemia

Thalassaemias are a group of autosomal-recessive hereditary blood disorders, which are characterized by defective haemoglobin chains. Based on the defective globin chain, they are classified as either $\alpha\text{-}$ or $\beta\text{-}$ thalassaemia. They are more common in Mediterranean countries but immigration has led to wider distribution.

History

Assess for risk factors:

- Family history of α- or β-thalassaemia
- History of recurrent need for transfusions in patient or family member
- Prenatal diagnosis declined by the pregnant woman or couple at risk of thalassaemia carrier status
- Ethnic background from sub-Saharan Africa, Mediterranean and Arabian peninsula, Southeast Asia, Indian subcontinent.

Symptoms

Symptoms and timing of clinical manifestation depend on the type of thalassaemia. Severity of symptoms ranges from asymptomatic minor forms or silent carrier status to death in utero in severe forms (alpha-thalassaemia major).

Symptoms include:

- Pallor
- Abdominal distension
- Failure to thrive, poor feeding, decreased activity, lethargy
- Enlarged liver and spleen
- Jaundice
- Symptoms of gallstones: sudden intense pain in upper right abdomen
- Skeletal deformities: large head with frontal and parietal bossing, "chipmunk" facies, misaligned teeth.

Investigations

- · Full blood count: microcytic hypochromic anaemia
- Ferritin
- Further investigations: peripheral smear, DNA analysis, X-ray for skeletal deformities.

PCH

Vaccination: DTP

▶ Physical exam: Pale | Large spleen and liver

Laboratory test: Hemoglobine | Microcosis red blood cells

Referal to Thalassemia clinic

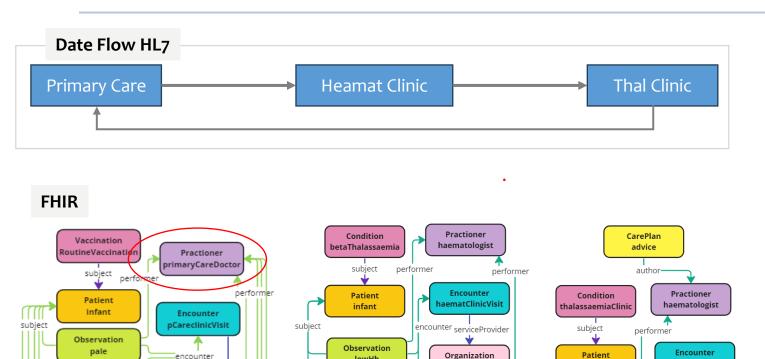
Parents are advised about routine vaccinations

Cascade Screening of Family

Diagnosis: Beta Thalassemia



Beta Thalassemia



Observation bldFilmMicrocytes

Digital Language JSON

serviceProvider

Organization

primaryCareClinic

Observation

hepatomegaly

Observation

splenomegaly

Observation poorFeeding

Observation

haematologyClinic

Terminologies

diphtheria-poliomyelitis-tetanus	ATC	Jo7CA01
Pallor	SNOMED CT	1237486008
Hepatomegaly	SNOMED CT	80515008
Splenomegaly	SNOMED CT	16294009
Haemoglobin concentration in blood	LOINC	718-7
Microcytes in blood film	LOINC	741-9
Feeding disorder of infancy and childhood	IDC 10	F98.2
Beta Thalassaemia	ICD 10	D56.1

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Organization

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Observation

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Conclusion & Recommendation

- Childhood vaccination scheme's in Europe are similar
- Vacinations are a recommeded part of the IPS
- Harmonisation of digital vaccination registration modulated in FHIR
- Childhood vaccinations are often part of primary child health visits
- These visits include weight and height measurements

Child Health providers should get involved in digital health

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