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# Admission to special / neonatal intensive care

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000009                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 30-JUN-97  
Definition: Admission of neonate to a special care or neonatal intensive care nursery (in the hospital of birth).  
Context: Institutional health care and perinatal statistics: an indicator of the requirements for hospital care of high-risk babies in specialised nurseries that add to costs because of extra staffing and facilities.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: N  
Minimum Size: 1  
Maximum Size: 1  
Data Domain: NOVAL      Code as in Guide for use  
Guide For Use: Two fields are required, the first being coded as:  
1    yes  
2    no  
the second coded as:  
000 the number of days in special / intensive care nursery.  
Related metadata: has been superseded by Number of days in special / neonatal intensive care version 2

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:  
Source Organisation: National Perinatal Data Advisory Committee

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Comments: Special care nurseries (SCN) are staffed and equipped to provide a

full range to neonatal services for the majority of complicated neonatal problems, including short-term assisted ventilation and intravenous therapy.

Neonatal intensive care nurseries (NICN) are staffed and equipped to treat critically ill newborn babies including those requiring prolonged assisted respiratory support, intravenous therapy, and alimentation and treatment of serious infections. Full support services are readily available throughout the hospital. These NICNs also provide consultative services to other hospitals.

Reference should be made to facilities defined under s.3 (2) of the Health Insurance Act (Cwlth). In December 1990, the Superspeciality Services Subcommittee of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council described levels of care in their report 'Guidelines for level three neonatal intensive care'.

### *Data Element Links*

#### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Request for / entry into service event

#### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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