Postnatal checkups for newborns with a health care provider, up to 2 days after delivery

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**Numerator**
Number of newborns (out-of-hospital birth) who had a postnatal care visit in the first 48 hours after delivery, plus the number of infants born in a hospital or health care facility in a given period before the survey. Only the last birth of each woman surveyed is counted.

**Denominator**
Number of live births in the same time period.

**Measuring unit**
X percent (%).

**Considerations for indicator quality**
If survey data is used, consider the possible reminder error that is greater the longer it has been since birth.

**Interpretation implications**
Although contacts, consultations and interventions prior to postnatal release are not included in the measurement of this indicator, they are important as part of postnatal control. Means should be sought to reach women and newborns, even at home, in case of low access to primary health care.

**Context indicator**
Most maternal and neonatal deaths occur within the first 48 hours after delivery, so ensuring contact with health services in that time window helps improve survival, in addition to opening the possibility to offer alternatives for increase intergenetic interval (increase the time between one birth and the next). Interventions that can be applied during postnatal visits include guidance on exclusive breastfeeding, newborn care (hygiene, temperature maintenance), and recognition of disease warning signs. Extra visits could be granted for high-risk mother-child pairs, for example, those with HIV or for preterm and young children in gestational age. An effective referral system and good quality emergency services are essential to have a greater impact.

**ODS framework**

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**Preferred data source**
Household surveys

**Alternative data sources**
• Health care providers routine records

**Inter-agency group estimates**
• N/A

**Global monitoring frameworks**
• Countdown 2030: Coverage indicators, Maternal and newborn health.

**For more information**
• WHO Global Health Observatory.

**References**