

**UPDATE TO:
SPECIFICATIONS FOR COLLECTING AND EDITING
THE UNITED STATES STANDARD REPORT OF FETAL DEATH --
2003 REVISION
May, 2004**

Changes resulting from clearance by the US Department of Health and Human Services, November 2003:

Item 36. Risk Factors in this Pregnancy.

Checkbox for “eclampsia” added.

Pregnancy resulted from infertility treatment. Checkboxes and instructions added for type of infertility treatment.

The checkbox for “Vaginal bleeding during this pregnancy” has been deleted.

Item 31. Cigarette smoking before and during pregnancy. Wording of item changed from “Last three months of pregnancy” to “Last trimester of pregnancy.”

Item 37. Infections Present in Pregnancy. Dropped checkbox for “Herpes Simplex Virus.”

Changes recommended by the Data Analysis Committee, May 2004:

Overview /Need for specifications

Modified to stress the importance of the electronic systems following the flow of the worksheets

Overview/General principals 6, 7,9

Modified to recognize state legal requirements for adding categories/items.

Added recommendation for use of “hot keys” for unknown values.

Overview /Need for specifications

A new section entitled “Features Integral to the Electronic Systems” has been added

Overview/Transmission File

Principal 2 has been modified to delete requirement for software and table version numbers.

Item 2. Time of delivery, pg 1. Modification of wording to strongly recommend use of 2400 clock.

Item 4. Date of Delivery, pg. 1. Instruction for paper record modified to indicate that the month of birth should be spelled out.

Items 5- 9, pg 3-4. Facility name, City, town or location of birth, County of delivery, Facility ID (NPI), Place where delivery occurred
Changes to order of questions for electronic systems.

Item 10d. Patient's birthplace, pg 2. Note on the use of incremental browsing added.

Item 11. pg, 2-8. Residence of patient; Mailing address of patient. Electronic systems instructions modified to better follow worksheet.

Item 14, pg 1,3. Attendant at delivery. Small change to definition of attendant and to instructions for electronic systems allow for only one type of attendant to be selected.

Item 18c, pg 1. Weight of fetus. Added statement indicating that hospitals which use only one unit to measure for fetal weight may choose to preset their systems to either grams or pounds/ounces. Added statement indicating that hot keys may be used for unknown values.

Items 21. Patient's race, pg 5. Statement added to under "State File Considerations" clarifying NCHS position on coding and editing race data.

Item 22, pg 1. Patient Married? Modified to include instruction for "Mother's name prior to first marriage."

Item 23, pg 2, 3. Dates of first and last prenatal care visit. Order of items for electronic screen modified. Added mention of use of "hot keys."

Items 29 and 30, pg 3. Pregnancy history. Added note that symbols hot keys may be used in lieu of checkboxes for unknown values.

Item 31, pg 2-4. Cigarette smoking. Added note on use of "Never smoked in lifetime" checkbox to section on State File Considerations. Added screen for entry of fractions of packs.

Item 32, pg 4. Date of last normal menses. Wording of electronic message to operator modified.

Item 33, pg 1-5. Plurality. Lowered acceptable plurality range from 16 to 12 births.

Item 40, pg 4-7 Congenital anomalies. Added instruction for electronic systems that if the Karyotype status of Down Syndrome or Suspected chromosomal disorder are unknown, checkboxes should be left blank.