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A ROUGH GUIDE TO SPOTTING BAD SCIENCE

1 SENSATIONALISED HEADLINES



Headlines of articles are commonly designed to entice viewers into clicking on and reading the article. At best, they over-simplify the findings of research. At worst, they sensationalise and misrepresent them.

2. MISINTERPRETED RESUL



News articles sometimes distort or misinterpret the findings of research for the sake of a good story, intentionally or otherwise. If possible, try to read the original research, rather than relying on the article based on it for information.

3. CONFLICT OF INTERESTS



Many companies employ scientists to carry out and publish research - whilst this does not necessarily invalidate research, it should be analysed with this in mind. Research can also be misrepresented for personal or financial gain.

4. CORRELATION & CAUSATION



Be wary of confusion of correlation & causation. Correlation between two variables doesn't automatically mean one causes the other. Global warming has increased since the 1800s, and pirate numbers decreased, but lack of pirates doesn't cause global warming.

5. SPECULATIVE LANGUAGE



Speculations from research are just that speculation. Be on the look out for words such as 'may', 'could', 'might', and others, as it is unlikely the research provides hard evidence for any conclusions they precede.

SAMPLE SIZE TOO 6.



n trials, the smaller a sample size, the lowe the confidence in the results from that sample. Conclusions drawn should be considered with this in mind, though in some cases small samples are unavoidable. It may be cause for suspicion if a large sample was possible but avoided.

7. UNREPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES



human trials, researchers will try individuals that are representative of a larger population. If the sample is different from the population as a whole, then the conclusions may well also be different.

8. NO CONTROL GROUP USED



substance being tested. Groups should also be allocated randomly. In general experiments, a control test should be used where all variables

9. NO BLIND TESTING USED



To prevent any bias, subjects should not know if they are in the test or the control group. In doubleblind testing, even researchers don't know which group subjects are in until after testing. Note, blind testing isn't always feasible, or ethical.

RRY-PICKED' RESL



This involves selecting data from experiments which supports the conclusion of the research, whilst ignoring those that do not. If a research paper draws conclusions from a selection of its results, not all, it may be cherry-picking.

11. UNREPLICABLE RE

Results should be replicable by independent research, and tested over a wide range of conditions (where possible) to ensure they are generalisable. Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence - that is, much more than one independent study!

12. JOURNALS & CITATIONS



Research published to major journals will have undergone a review process, but can still be flawed, so should still be evaluated with these points in mind. Similarly, large numbers of citations do not always indicate that research is highly regarded.

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EXTREME RESULTS

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Use of labour induction and risk of cesarean delivery: a systematic review and meta-analysis

CMAJ

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As the outcomes reported reduce in number the results become unreliable and unusable for guidance: It is not possible to be certain about the effect on maternal mortality as it is reported in only 20 of 157 studies DOI: 10.1111/1471-0528.12593

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Choice of primary outcomes in randomised trials and systematic reviews evaluating interventions for preterm birth prevention: a systematic review

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Cochrane

Reviews

reporting primary outcome* (n = 33)

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primary outcomes
Cochrane Reviews
and protocols

Most common

Randomised
trials reporting
primary outcome
(<i>n</i> = 103)

It's time to agree on standard and clinically important primary outcomes

J Scott

at follow up		
(variously defined)		
Preterm birth <34	8 (24%)	3 (3%)
weeks of gestation		

Core outcome sets will improve the quality of obstetrics research

P Williamson

of gestation		
NICU admission for baby	3 (9%)	0
Maternal death	3 (9%)	0
Maternal hospital stay	3 (9%)	1 (1%)

*More than one primary outcome in 27/33 reviews.



OBSTETRICS











ELSEVIER

outcomes in abnormal uterine bleeding trials David D. Rahn^{a,*}, Husam Abed^b, Vivian W. Sung^c, Kristen A. Matteson^c, Rebecca G. Rogers^d, Michelle Y. Morrill^e, Matthew D. Barber¹, Joseph I. Schaffer^a, Thomas L. Wheeler II^g, Ethan M. Balk^h, Katrin Uhlig^h, for the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons-Systematic Review Group

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Review



Variations in the reporting of outcomes used in systematic reviews of treatment effectiveness research in bladder pain syndrome Seema A. Tirlapur^{a,*}, Richeal Ni Riordain^b, Khalid S. Khan^{a,c} on behalf of the EBM-

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Background The inappropriate and inconsistent selection of primary outcomes (POs) in randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and systematic reviews (SRs) can make evidence difficult to interpret, limiting its usefulness to inform dinical practice.

Objectives To systematically review the choice and consistency of POs in RCTs and SRs of preventative interventions for preterm birth.

Search strategy Cochrane Pregnancy and Childbirth Group's

with preterm birth before 37 weeks of gestation being the most common (18/103, 18%). Few RCTs chose perinatal morbidity (4/103) or mortality (1/103), or their composites (5/103), as POs. In 33 Cochrane Reviews, 29 different POs were reported. The three most common POs were based on death or morbidity in the baby, with death of the baby being the most common (22/33, 67%). POs were variably defined.

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Systematic Reviews

GYNECOLOGY

Variation in outcome reporting in endometriosis trials: a systematic review



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OBJECTIVE: We reviewed the outcomes and outcome measures reported in randomized controlled trials and their relationship with methodological quality, year of publication, commercial funding, and journal impact factor. DATA SOURCES: We searched the following sources: (1) Cochrane Central Register of

Controlled Trials, (2) Embase, and (3) VEDLINE from inception to November 2014. STUDY ELIGIBILITY: We included all randomized controlled trials evaluating a surgical intervention with or without a medical adjuvant therapy for the treatment of endometriosis

ndometriosis affects 1 in 10 women L and impairs health related quality of life in the domains of fertility, pain, psychological, and social functioning. Endometriosis is poorly understood and is currently managed with holistic, medical, and surgical interventions. There is no consensus among patients,

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with epilepsy: a systematic review



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We searched major electronic databases (from 1999 until January 2015). Two independent reviewers selected studies and extracted data on study design, the risk of bias of the studies, journal impact factor and the quality of reported outcomes. We assessed the quality outcomes report using a six items standardised tool (score range 0-6).

There were 70 different outcomes reported in 232 studies (maternal neurological (13/70, 19%), fetal and neonatal (28/70, 40%), and obstetric outcomes (29/70, 41%)). Most studies reported on major congenital fetal abnormalities (103/232, 44%), followed by live birth (60/232, 26%). Quality of the reported outcomes was poor (mean 1.54, SD 1.36). It was associated with journal impact factor (p = 0.007), but not with study design (p = 0.60), or risk of bias (p = 0.17).

The outcomes reported in studies on pregnant women with epilepsy varied widely, and the quality of the outcomes report was poor. There is a need to identify a set of core outcome to harmonise reporting in future clinical studies.

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Review

Variation in the reporting of outcomes among pregnant women



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> Studies on pregnant women with epilepsy should evaluate both neurological and pregnancy outcomes. We undertook a systematic review of the literature of studies on pregnant women with epilepsy to collate the outcomes reported, and the quality of outcomes report in these studies.

Inconsistent reporting of outcomes across studies





1

Pharmacologic Intervention for Retained Placenta

A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

James M.N. Duffy, MBChB, MRes, Sophie Mylan, MBChB, MSc, Marian Showell, MILS, MPH, Matthew J.A. Wilson, FRCA, MD, and Khalid S. Khan, MBBS, FRCOG

There was limited reporting of secondary outcomes...

2 Variation in outcomes and outcome measures



Laparoscopic surgery for endometriosis

James MN Duffy¹, Kirana Arambage², Frederico JS Correa³, David Olive⁴, Cindy Farquhar⁵, Ray Garry⁶, David H Barlow⁷, Tal Z Jacobson⁸

Pain was measured using seven different outcome measures which limited our ability to combine data from different trial studies together. 3 Limited reporting of clinically relevant outcomes





Growth hormone for in vitro fertilization

James MN Duffy¹, Gaity Ahmad², Lamiya Mohiyiddeen³, Luciano G Nardo⁴, Andrew Watson⁵

We were unable to draw any conclusions regarding live birth rate.

4 Limited reporting of patient preferred outcomes



Postoperative procedures for improving fertility following pelvic reproductive surgery

James M N Duffy¹, Neil Johnson², Gaity Ahmad³, Andrew Watson⁴

No trials reported adverse events.

TABLE 2

Outcome reporting in endometriosis trials: outcome and outcome measures reported

RCTs	Outcomes	Outcome measure
37	32	24
32	28	11
9	10	10
14	34	5
8	22	0
	37 32 9 14 8	37 32 32 28 9 10 14 34 8 22

RCT, randomized controlled trial.

Hirsch. Outcome reporting in endometriosis trials. Am J Obstet Gynecol 2016.

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TABLE 3

Outcome reporting in endometriosis trials: reported pain and fertility outcomes (continued)

Outcome domain	Outcome	Trials, n
Pain outcomes	Dysmenorrhea	23
	Dyspareunia	23
		15
	Pelvic pain	
	Nonmenstrual pelvic pain	6
	Dyschezia	6
	Overall pain	5
	Postoperative pain	3
	Abdominal pain	2
	Back pain	2
	Aggregate pain	1
	Analgesia use	3
	Analgesic requirement	2
	Chest discomfort	1
	General discomfort	1
	General pain	1
	Global intensity of pain	1
	Lateral menstrual pain	1
	Painless first stage of labor	1
	Postoperative opioid analgesia	1
	Rectal pain	1
	Shoulder pain	1
	Thigh pain	1
	Voiding pain	1



			Pain									Ferti	lity							
Outcome			Triad				Ot	her					Pregn	ancy ou	tcome				ART**	
Study size (u)	Study size (n)	Dyschezia	Dysmenorrhoe a	Dyspareunia	Overall pain	Abdominal pain	Shoulder pain	Pelvic pain*	Thigh pain	Postoperative pain	Pregnancy	Ectopic preganancy	Miscarriage	Twin pregnancy	Term delivery	Live birth	Still birth	Gonadotrophin use	Number of follicles	Embryos per cycle
Alkatout 2013	450		Х	Х		Х					Х	Х	Х		Х					
Marcoux 1997	348										Х	Х								
Zhao 2013	320										Х									
Vercellini 1999	269				Х											Х				
Vercellini 2003A	180		х	Х				Х			Х									
Healey 2010	178	X	X	Х	X	Х		Х	Х											
Zhao 2013B	176																			
Matorras 2002	172																			
Zhu 2014	156		Х	Х	Х					Х		Х	Х				Х			
Moini 2012	146										Х									
Alborzi 2010	144		Х	Х				Х			Х									
Cosson 2002	142				Х						Х									
Zullo 2003	141		X	Х				Х												
Abu Hashim 2012	136										Х		Х	Х		Х		Х	Х	
Nowroozi 1987	123						Х				Х									
Creus 2008	104										Х		Х							
Parazzini 1999	101										Х		Х		Х					
Alborzi 2004	100				Х						Х									
Vercellini 2002	90		X	Х				Х												
Seiler 1986	90										Х									
Busacca 2001	89		Х	Х				Х			Х									
Alborzi 2007	88										Х								Х	
Soysal 2004	80																			
Bianchi 1999	77		Х					Х			Х									
Parazzini 1994	75							Х			Х									
Other studies (29)	1452	5	14	14	0	0	0	13	0	2	9	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	1



TABLE 4

Outcome reporting in endometriosis trials: outcome measures for commonly reported outcomes

utcome Outcome measure			
Visual analog scale (0–10)	8		
Visual analog scale (0–100)	7		
Visual analog scale (0–10 with description)	3		
Visual analog scale (no description)	1		
Ranked ordinal scale $(1-5)$	1		
Likert scale (0–10)	3		
Questionnaire (with description)	2		
Questionnaire (ranked symptoms)	1		
Questionnaire (no description)	1		
Number of episodes	1		
Not specified	2		
Serum β HCG	4		
Ultrasound (visualizing fetal heart)	4		
Ultrasound (growth scan)	2		
Not specified	20		
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Research: increasing value, reducing waste 5



Reducing waste from incomplete or unusable reports of biomedical research

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Research publication can both communicate and miscommunicate. Unless research is adequately reported, the time and resources invested in the conduct of research is wasted. Reporting guidelines such as CONSORT, STARD, PRISMA, and ARRIVE aim to improve the quality of research reports, but all are much less adopted and adhered to than they should be. Adequate reports of research should clearly describe which questions were addressed and why, what was done, what was shown, and what the findings mean. However, substantial failures occur in each of these elements. For example, studies of published trial reports showed that the poor description of interventions meant that 40-89% were non-replicable; comparisons of protocols with publications showed that most studies had at least one primary outcome changed, introduced, or omitted; and investigators of new trials rarely set their findings in the context of a systematic review, and cited a very small and biased selection of previous relevant trials. Although best documented in reports of controlled trials, inadequate reporting occurs in all types of studies-animal and other preclinical studies, diagnostic studies, epidemiological studies, clinical prediction research, surveys, and qualitative studies. In this report, and in the Series more generally, we point to a waste at all stages in medical research. Although a more nuanced understanding of the complex systems involved in the conduct, writing, and publication of research • 11 1. . 1 . 1

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Standardising outcomes for clinical trials and systematic reviews Mike Clarke

The impact of outcome reporting bias in randomised controlled trials on a cohort of systematic reviews

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Have you ever read a ta wondered exactly how t ments such as a "behavior "salt reduction," or "exen Although CONSORT tiatives have focused on

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Core outcome sets and systematic reviews

Mike Clarke1* and Paula R. Williamson2

Abstract

Systematic reviews seek to bring together research evidence to answer the question for the review. The reviewers usually wish to compare, contrast and, if appropriate, combine the findings of the existing research studies. However, these intentions are often thwarted by inconsistencies in the outcomes that were measured and reported in the individual studies. This, in turn, makes it difficult for readers of the review to use it to make informed decisions and choices about health and social care. One solution is for trials in a particular topic area to measure and report a standardised set of outcomes, which would then be used in the review. Core outcome sets are a means of doing this, penuiding an appeard standardical collection of ourcomer for mascuring and reporting for a specific area of health. Ir

The CONSORT Statement

The main product of CONSORT is the CONSORT Statement, which is an evidence-based, minimum set of recommendations for reporting randomized trials. It offers a standard way for authors to prepare reports of trial findings, facilitating their complete and transparent reporting, and aiding their critical appraisal and interpretation.

Table 2 Items to in	clude when reporting a randomised trial in a journal abstract
Item	Description
Authors	Contact details for the corresponding author
Trial design	Description of the trial design (such as parallel, cluster, non-inferiority)
Methods:	
Participants	Eligibility criteria for participants and the settings where the data were collected
Interventions	Interventions intended for each group
Objective	Specific objective or hypothesis
Outcome	Clearly defined primary outcome for this report
Randomisation	How participants were allocated to interventions
Blinding (masking)	Whether participants, care givers, and those assessing the outcomes were blinded to group assignment
Results:	
Numbers randomised	Number of participants randomised to each group
Recruitment	Trial status
Numbers analysed	Number of participants analysed in each group
Outcome	For the primary outcome, a result for each group and the estimated effect size and its precision
Harms	Important adverse events or side effects
Conclusions	General interpretation of the results
Trial registration	Registration number and name of trial register
Funding	Source of funding

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Core Outcomes for Clinical Trials: Moving Ahead

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Editor-in-Chief



At the recent World Congress of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in Liverpool, I met Professor Khalid Khan, the Editor-in-Chief of the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. We had an

amicable discussion about the present and fut of publishing in our specialty (he's a big far by the way), but one subject of discussion re continues to do so. It was the subject of clinic for studies submitted to journals of obstetrics, and reproductive medicine, and how the h of the outcomes of RCTs makes comparis and combination of results across studies sometimes impossible.



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Editorial The CROWN Initiative: journal editors invite researchers to develop core outcomes in women's health

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Aims of the Core Outcomes in Women's and Newborn Health (CROWN) Initiative

1. Form a consortium among all women's and newborn health journals to promote core outcome sets in all areas of our specialty.

2. Encourage researchers to develop core outcome sets using robust consensus methodology involving multiple stakeholders, including patients.

3. Strongly encourage the reporting of results for core outcome sets.

4. Organise robust peer-review and effective dissemination of manuscripts describing core outcome sets.

5. Facilitate embedding of core outcome sets in research practice, working closely with researchers, reviewers, funders, and guideline makers.



Core Outcome Set



- an agreed standardized collection of outcomes which should be

measured and reported in all trials for a specific clinical area

developed through a systematic and transparent process

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Core Outcomes for studies on primary Prevention Of Preterm birth

COPOP project

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Need for comparable outcomes in preterm birth studies: core outcome set



Aim: To identify a set of critical and important outcomes for the evaluation of preventive interventions for preterm birth in asymptomatic pregnant women.









Stage 1Identifying Potential Outcomes

Systematic Review	What outcomes have been reported before?			
Qualitative Patient Interviews	What outcomes do patients want?			
Stage 2 Determining Core	Outcomes			
Delphi Method Com	bining professional & patients' views			
Stage 3 Determining How	Core Outcomes Should be Measured			
Quality Assessment	Ensuring outcome measures fit for purpose			
Stakeholder Consultation	Final consensus			
Core Outcome Set				

Collaboration

- Global Obstetrics Network (GONet)
 - Ongoing pessary trials
- Journal Editors (CROWN)
- Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials (COMET)
- Cochrane Collaboration on preterm birth
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Patient Organizations
- Midwifery Organizations



Stakeholders







- 10 middle-income 17 high-income countries
- Healthcare providers: 60% clinical related work, 61% role in development (inter)national guidelines
- Parents: experienced preterm birth once 69%, twice 25%





Core outcome set

Maternal set of outcomes	Baby set of outcomes
Maternal mortality	Offspring mortality
Maternal infection or inflammation	Offspring infection
Prelabor rupture of membranes	Gestational age at birth
Harm to mother from intervention	Harm to offspring from intervention
	Birth weight
	Early neurodevelopmental morbidity
	Late neurodevelopmental morbidity
	Gastro-intestinal morbidity
	Respiratory morbidity



A Core Outcome Set for Evaluation of Interventions to Prevent Preterm Birth



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Box 1. Final Core Outcome Set of 13 Outcomes Presented as a Maternal and Neonate Set

MATERNAL SET OF OUTCOMES

- 1. Maternal mortality
- 2. Maternal infection or inflammation
- 3. Prelabor rupture of membranes
- 4. Harm to mother from intervention

NEONATAL SET OF OUTCOMES

- 1. Offspring mortality
- 2. Offspring infection
- 3. Gestational age at birth
- 4. Harm to offspring from intervention
- 5. Birth weight
- 6. Early neurodevelopmental morbidity
- 7. Late neurodevelopmental morbidity
- 8. Gastrointestinal morbidity
- 9. Respiratory morbidity

Steering group

Our aim is to develop a core set of outcomes that would be common to all future pre-eclampsia research.



International Collaboration to Harmonise Outcomes for Pre-Eclampsia





Scope: Population

features

Pre-eclampsia Early onset Late onset Pre-eclampsia with severe Post-natal pre-eclampsia etc.



Scope: Interventions

Anti-convulsants Anti-hypertensives Anti-oxidants Immediate delivery etc.



Stage 1	Identifying Poten	tial Outcomes	
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Core Outcome Set for Pre-eclampsia			



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Core Outcome Set for Pre-eclampsia				



Taking part in an interview

HYPERTENSION IN PREGNANCY

Systematic Review Statistical Analysis

BuMP Pilot Study

iHOPE Study

iHOPE Steering Group

healthtalk.org/preeclampsia

Taking part in an interview

Patient reply form

Consent form



546 expressions of interest







Bronchopulmonary dysfunction

024 She had chronic lung disease, [um] and once a month I had to go to the hospital with her overnight and they would monitor her to try and reduce the level of oxygen to wean her off it, and it was the most horrific thing in the world. Duration of inpatient stay

003 She was in SCBU for eighteen days.001 XXX was in a hospital for three

months. Three months I walked away,

every night, without my baby. Gestation age at delivery

003 My aim always was to keep my baby as close to term as I could.

012 I didn't want her coming out early; we had to hang on as long as possible.

018 *I* was admitted in hospital for two weeks, then had the baby at thirty four weeks.

Maternal outcomes

29 outcomes

1 Maternal mortality

3 Coagulation / haematological dysfunction

- Haemolysis, elevated liver enzyme levels, and low platelet levels (HELLP) syndrome
- Venous thromboembolism

5 Neurological dysfunction

- Cerebral haemorrhage
- Coma
- Eclampsia

6 Renal dysfunction

Renal failure

7 Respiratory dysfunction

Pulmonary oedema

8 Uterine dysfunction

- Antepartum haemorrhage
- Placental abruption
- Preterm birth

9 Other

- Infection
- Sepsis

10 Interventions managing morbidity

- Anticonvulsant medication
- Antihypertensive medication
- Blood product transfusion
- Other pharmacologic intervention

11 Labour and delivery characteristic

- Onset of labour
- Duration of labour
- Augmented labour
- Anaesthesia for delivery
- Mode of delivery

12 Patient reported outcomes

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Functional status pain

13 Resource utilisation

- Admission to high dependency u
- Admission to intensive care unit
- Length of stay

14 Harm

Side effect

Examples of outcomes previously unreported in randomised trials

Maternal outcomes

10 Interventions managing morbidity

- Intravenous access
- Invasive blood pressure monitoring

11 Labour and delivery characteristics

Anaesthesia for labour

12 Patient reported outcomes

- Confidence in role as a mother
- Bonding
- Fatigue
- Return to work

Offspring outcomes

24 Interventions managing morbidity Confidence with breastfeeding Any resuscitative intervention Antibiotics Intravenous access

26 Resource utilisation

- Admission to transitional care
- Transfer to territory neonatal unit











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