

# Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative



Partnering to Improve Health Care Quality  
for Mothers and Babies

## MOM Data Collection

### FAQ

- 1. Should we submit data even if we are not actively working on this yet, have not done staff education, etc?**

Yes. We will ask you to track and submit all data elements, even if you are not actively working on them, yet. You do not have to work on them all at the same time. Do so in a way that works best for your hospital. We encourage you to measure all so you may see how YOU are doing, because what gets measured gets managed!

- 2. Is fortifier part of the total volume of MOM or is it separate?**

Fortification should be included in the total volume reported for us to calculate a percent of the feeding that is MOM, donor milk, or formula.

Liquid HMF should be included in the total volume for MOM or donor milk. The base that you are adding fortifier to is still MOM or DM and the intent of this measure is to capture volume for each substrate so percent of total can be calculated. A higher percentage of MOM is the goal.

- 3. If the mother initially does not intent to provide MOM, but then changes her mind, should we mark “yes”?**

Yes. If mother provides MOM, this should be marked as “yes.”

- 4. What about infants that transfer in? How do we report certain items (e.g. availability of hospital pump at maternal discharge)?**

The data collection sheet says NA should be reserved for transferred out, died, or discharged. Sites should interview the mother and select yes or no/unknown.

- 5. What do we do about infants born by surrogacy or to be adopted?**

These infants should be excluded from data collection. These situations are few.

- 6. Mothers with substance abuse issues?**

Each NICU should follow their hospital's policies regarding determination of whether MOM is contraindicated. We will be providing a research statement to provide further guidance on this topic.

**7. If infant is breast fed, how will we know or report volume?**

If you use test weights, you will be able to tell how much was transferred at the breast. If no test weights, can use an approximated guess. You could submit the expected minimum volume for the infant for that day to calculate the total.

Please submit your questions to us at [FPQC@health.usf.edu](mailto:FPQC@health.usf.edu)!