

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Recommendations for Prevention and Treatment of Maternal Peripartum Infections

This brief provides highlights and key messages from World Health Organization's recommendations for prevention and treatment of maternal peripartum infections, including policy and program implications for translating the guidelines into action at the country level. The ultimate goal of the WHO recommendations is to improve quality of care and to reduce preventable death and disability associated with peripartum infection for mothers and newborns. This brief (see – <http://bit.ly/1L8O1Zy>) is intended for policy-makers, programme managers, educators and providers. See the guidelines at http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/186171/1/9789241549363_eng.pdf?ua=1

INTERGROWTH-21st

The International Fetal and Newborn Growth Consortium for the 21st Century, or INTERGROWTH-21st, is a global, multidisciplinary network of more than 300 researchers and clinicians from 27 institutions in 18 countries worldwide and coordinated from the University of Oxford. It is dedicated to improving perinatal health globally and committed to reducing the millions of preventable newborn deaths that occur as a result of preterm birth or poor intrauterine growth.

This website provides clinicians and researchers access to the INTERGROWTH-21st [Global Perinatal Package](#). This package is comprised of new, globally-validated standards and practical training resources.

The following standards are available to download now:

[Pregnancy Dating](#), [Fetal Growth](#), [Preterm Phenotype](#), [Newborn Size](#), [Neurodevelopment Assessment](#)

These standards are paired with an expanding [Training Toolkit](#) and a rich body of literature on our methods. See <https://intergrowth21.tghn.org/>

Hesperian free resources on pregnancy and neonatal care

These are available, both online and in print. They also have several priced books that cover these topics, including *Where Women Have No Doctor, A Book for Midwives* and *Where There is No Doctor*.

These books are available for purchase on our web store (<http://store.hesperian.org/>), and also for free in many languages on our HealthWiki (<http://en.hesperian.org/hhg/Healthwiki>) and Resources by Language page (<http://hesperian.org/books-and-resources/language-list/>). Some helpful chapters to read on the HealthWiki include “Pregnancy and Birth”

(<http://en.hesperian.org/hhg/New Where There Is No Doctor:Chapter 26: Pregnancy and Birth>), “Newborn Babies and Breastfeeding”

(<http://en.hesperian.org/hhg/New Where There Is No Doctor:Chapter 27: Newborn Babies and Breastfeeding>), chapters from *The New Where There is No Doctor

<http://en.hesperian.org/hhg/New Where There Is No Doctor>)*, and “The First Weeks After Birth” chapter from *A Book for Midwives*

(<http://en.hesperian.org/hhg/A Book for Midwives:Chapter 15: The first weeks after the birth>).

Hesperian also have a free app available for both iPhone and Android mobile devices, called “Safe Pregnancy and Birth”. It is available for download through the Google Play store and the iTunes store.

INFECTIONS

Option B+ Monitoring & evaluation framework for antiretroviral treatment for pregnant and breastfeeding women living with HIV and their infants

Over the past decade, Prevention of Mother to Child HIV Transmission (PMTCT) programmes have rapidly evolved from delivering a single prophylactic drug to mothers to providing lifelong care and treatment for both mothers and children living with HIV. Lifelong treatment approaches—widely known as 'Option B+'—are expanding from pilots to universal implementation as revised national treatment guidelines are scaled up across generalized epidemic settings. This resource is intended for use among national M&E officers; PMTCT, paediatric, MNCH and HIV Care and Treatment programme managers; and other stakeholders (including donors, implementing partners, and civil society) in countries with generalized HIV epidemics and countries implementing the Option B/B+ approach to treatment. Using this framework, stakeholders can review, adapt and update current monitoring systems and continuously evaluate programmes, maximizing the potential impact of lifelong treatment programs to improve health outcomes and prevent HIV infections for women, their children and their families.

See <http://www.emtct-iatt.org/m-and-e-framework/>

The Lancet Clinic

This aims to cover 135 diseases selected according to [Global Burden of Disease data](#) and clinical practice needs - 45 are currently available. The Lancet Clinic will be regularly updated with a selection of the best clinical evidence from across The Lancet family of journals.

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