

Please supply these to anyone
doing home births in your area

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~~MIDWIVES/ DOCTORS/ HOME BIRTH ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES,~~

NEW HOME BIRTH FORM.

First of all I hope you all had a happy and relaxing Christmas.

Please find enclosed some copies of the new home birth form to be used from 1 January 1987 onwards. If you have filled in one of the old forms for all births prior to 1987 then please send them to me and destroy any spare copies. I really don't want any births after 1 January 1987 recorded on the old forms if it can be at all avoided.

The new form has been designed to be:

- . easier to fill in
- . much easier to computerise
- . suitable for extracting accurate and meaningful statistics
- . comparable with the Australian minimum data collected by almost all States and compatible with NZ government figures.

This latter means that we should soon be in a good position to compare home births with government figures.

I think the form is fairly self explanatory, however there are a few things that require comment. The most difficult is probably the postcode. This is available in a book 'Post Office Post Codes - A Guide to the Post Code System' which should be available from the Post Office. If you can't get one I will send one to you. You should find it fairly easy to give the post code of the post office in the suburb where the mother lives. There is one complication. At each chief post office in each town there is a post code for the streets (delivery by postmen) and a separate post code for the CPO Private Boxes. It doesn't matter which you use but the Private Boxes is easier. Any problems, let me know. But please do try to give the postcode as it will create a lot of work for me otherwise.

There are some questions relating to the mother that you may like to know why they were included. These would be marital status, Ethnic group, Country of mother's birth, and highest education completed. There are two main reasons for recording these:

- . comparability with government figures. Because statistically these affect the chances of a trouble free birth they have to be recorded to counter the assertion that home birth mothers are a low risk group.
- . they provide important information to use in spreading the home birth message. For example, we know that home birth parents are more highly motivated about birth than others. If we can show that the mothers are better educated than the average it will go a long way towards dispelling the public perception of home births as irresponsible.

Please be sure to circle at least one number in each category. In some categories eg procedures or complications you may circle as many as necessary.

In conclusion, what I want you to do is complete any births prior to 1987 on the old forms and send them in to me and from 1 January begin using the new form.

Happy new year,

Stan Gillanders
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PS. Postpartum haemorrhage is
500+ mls.

HOMEBIRTH AUSTRALASIA STATISTICS FORM

Midwife/Doctor code

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office use only

MOTHER

This section should be completed by the mother. (circle relevant numbers)

How much did the following encourage you to home birth?

	1	2	3	4	5	9
Desire for natural birth						
The effect on your baby						
No separation from children						
Absence of drugs						
Presence of friends/family						
Religious beliefs						
Your opinion of hospitals						

1= encouraged a lot
2= encouraged
3= little influence
4= discouraged
5= not applicable
9= unknown

Area of Residence

Postcode

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If unknown, suburb & town:

Marital Status

- 1 married/defaulto
- 2 single/unmarried
- 3 separated
- 4 divorced
- 5 widowed
- 9 unknown

Ethnic Group

- 1 Caucasian
- 2 Maori
- 3 Pacific Islander
- 4 Australian Aboriginal
- 5 Asian
- 8 Other
- 9 Unknown

Country of Mother's birth

- 1 Australia
 - 2 New Zealand
 - Other (specify)
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Mother's Date of Birth

day	month	year			

Highest Education Completed

- 1 primary
- 2 secondary 1-2 years
- 3 secondary 3 years
- 4 secondary 4+ years
- 5 tertiary - undergraduate or equivalent
- 6 graduate or equivalent
- 9 unknown

Previous Pregnancies

- (Excluding this pregnancy)
- 1 No previous pregnancies
 - Or:

Number of Pregnancies resulting in:

All babies live born		
Stillbirth		
Miscarriage		
Termination of pregnancy		
Unknown		

Month and Year of completing last pregnancy

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Outcome of last pregnancy

- 1 all babies live born
- 2 still birth
- 3 miscarriage
- 4 termination of pregnancy
- 9 unknown

THIS PREGNANCY

Date of last period

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(best estimate if unknown)

Smoking

- 1 never in pregnancy
- 2 0-5 cigarettes/day
- 3 6-20 (1 pack)/day
- 4 over 1 pack/day
- 9 unknown

Procedures in pregnancy

- 1 none
- 2 ultrasonic scan
- Amniocentesis:
- 3 - before 20 weeks
- 4 - 20 or more weeks
- 5 cervical suture
- 8 other
- 9 unknown

LABOUR AND DELIVERY

Place of birth

- 1 home
- 2 hospital
- 3 other

Was this place

- 1 planned/intended
- 2 emergency

Labour onset

- 1 spontaneous
- 2 medically induced
- 3 surgically induced (ARM)

Procedures in Labour

- 1 none
- 2 pain relieving drugs
- 3 ARM
- 4 acupuncture
- 5 homeopathic remedies
- 6 episiotomy
- 7 sutured laceration
- 9 unknown

Positions used in 2nd stage

- 1 squatting or sitting
- 2 kneeling
- 3 standing or walking
- 4 lateral

(continued from previous column)

- 5 hands and knees
- 6 dorsal
- 7 bath
- 8 other
- 9 unknown

Presentation

- 1 vertex
- 2 pop
- 3 breech
- 8 other
- 9 unknown

Type of delivery

- 1 spontaneous cephalic
- 2 spontaneous breech
- 3 forceps
- 4 ventouse
- 5 elective caesarian
- 6 emergency caesarian
- 8 other
- 9 unknown

Length of Labour

	Days	Hours	Mins
First stage			
2nd stage			
3rd stage			

Membrane rupture to delivery

(At birth = 1 minute)

Complications of labour

- 1 none
- 2 foetal distress
- 3 prolonged labour
- 4 retained placenta
- 5 antepartum haemorrhage
- 6 postpartum haemorrhage
- 7 cord prolapse
- 8 other
- 9 unknown

Complications of puerperium

- 1 none
- 2 urinary tract infection
- 3 genital tract infection
- 4 breast infection
- 5 venous thrombosis
- 6 secondary pph
- 7 post natal depression
- 8 other
- 9 unknown

Postnatal intervention for mother

- If birth at home:
- 1 - remained at home
- Transfer to hospital:
- 2 - for treatment
- 3 - to accompany baby
- If birth in hospital:
- 4 - normal discharge
- 5 - prolonged treatment
- If mother died:
- 6 - with autopsy
- 7 - without autopsy
- 9 Intervention unknown

BABY

Complete a separate form for each baby of a multiple birth

Plurality

- 1 single birth
- or:
- this record refers to born of children.

Date of birth

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Sex

- 1 male
- 2 female
- 3 indeterminate
- 9 unknown

Condition

- 1 live born
- 2 still born

Birthweight (gms)

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Apgar

- at one minute

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- at 5 minutes

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Resuscitation

- 1 none/routine
- 2 oxygen
- 3 intubation
- 4 injection
- 8 other
- 9 unknown

Postnatal intervention for baby

- If born at home:
- 1 - remained at home
- Transferred to hospital:
- 2 - for treatment
- 3 - to accompany mother
- If born in hospital:
- 4 - normal discharge
- 5 - Prolonged treatment:
- If baby died:
- 6 - with autopsy
- 7 - without autopsy
- 9 Intervention unknown

Congenital anomalies

- 1 no
- 2 yes (specify)

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Neonatal morbidity

- 1 none
- 2 extreme prematurity
- 3 jaundice with phototherapy
- 4 infection
- 5 birth injuries
- 8 other
- 9 unknown
- Feeding at two weeks
- 1 breast milk only
- 2 breast plus supplement
- 3 bottle feeding
- 9 unknown

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Signature: _____