Vermont Oxford Network
Still Hospitalized Instructions

For Infants who are still hospitalized, use the following guidelines to achieve a record status code of S (Still Hospitalized).

Centers using eNICQ 6:

- Answer the question *Is this infant still hospitalized at your center?* and **for transferred infants**, answer the question *Is this infant still hospitalized at another center?*
    - If needed, review each question's Field Information for guidance on your infant's situation.
- Complete all data items tagged as Blank by eNICQ 6.
    - For transferred infants which have not been readmitted yet, "Unknown" may be entered temporarily for date-based data items that are not yet applicable at your center. At readmission, update "Unknown" answers for those data items with data from the transferred-to center.

Centers using non-eNICQ EDS:

- **If the infant is still in your center and has not been transferred:**
    - Complete Items Birth Weight through Congenital Anomaly (and associated codes and descriptions).
    - Leave Items Enteral Feeding at Discharge through Total Length of Stay blank.

    - **If the infant transferred from your center to another hospital and is still in the "transferred-to" hospital:**
    - Complete Items Birth Weight through Transfer Code of Center to which Infant Transferred.
    - For transferred infants which have not been readmitted yet, "Unknown" may be entered temporarily for date-based data items that are not yet applicable at your center. At readmission, update "Unknown" answers for those data items with data from the transferred-to center.
    - Leave Items Post Transfer Disposition through Total Length of Stay blank.

    - **If the infant transferred to another hospital and was transferred again to a third hospital (no readmission):**
    - Complete Items Birth Weight through Post Transfer Disposition.
    - Code Items Disposition After Readmission and Weight at Disposition After Readmission as N/A.
    - Leave Items Ultimate Disposition and Total length of Stay blank.

    - **If the infant transferred from your center to another hospital, was readmitted to your center, and is still hospitalized at your center:**
    - Complete Items Birth Weight through Post Transfer Disposition.
    - Leave Items Disposition after Readmission through Total Length of Stay blank.

- **If the infant transfers again following initial transfer from and readmission to your center:**
    - Complete Items Birth Weight through Weight at Disposition after Readmission.
    - Leave Items Ultimate Disposition and Total Length of Stay blank.

        - If the **infant transfers from your center and is readmitted to your center** (having never been discharged home), **update these data items:**
            1. Bacterial Sepsis on or before Day 3 through Periventricular-Intraventricular Hemorrhage (PIH).
            2. Respiratory Support (after Initial Resuscitation) through Oxygen and Monitor at Discharge.
                - Expanded data centers must also update:
                    1. ECMO at your Hospital through HIE Severity.
                    2. Seizures.
        - **Do not use "Unknown" or "Not Applicable"** as placeholders for items that are temporarily blank.
            - For transferred infants which have not been readmitted yet, "Unknown" may be entered temporarily for date-based data items that are not yet applicable at your center. At readmission, update "Unknown" answers for those data items with data from the transferred-to center.
        - A Record Status Code of S (Still Hospitalized) is temporary. The record must be completed to achieve a Record Status Code of C (Correct) when the infant has been Discharged Home, Died, or is Still Hospitalized as of First Birthday, whichever comes first.
        - VLBW and EXPANDED databases do not track infants beyond the first birthday.