

**Q&A from National Center Webinar:
Features to Improve Data Quality: National Fatality Review-Case Reporting
System, Version 6.1
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NFR-CRS Version 6.1 Questions

Q: Has a PDF copy of 6.1 been sent out?

Version 6.1 of the CDR and FIMR report tool forms can be found at <https://ncfrp.org/data/nfr-crs/>. However, as stated in the webinar, the focus of the Version 6.1 changes was on data quality, and no questions or response options in the report tool were changed with the release of Version 6.1.

Q: When you are navigating from the new Data Quality Review section back to an individual question (to complete the response), do you need to click on Save at the bottom of the data entry page after making the correction before going back to the Data Quality Review section?

You can click on Save at the bottom of the page, but it is not essential. Navigating to a new section, including the Data Quality Review section, will automatically save your changes.

Q: Do any of the data downloads include only the priority variables? If not, it would be nice so that after running the standardized report on data quality (standardized report 33), we could see which cases should be reviewed easier.

Thank you for the suggestion. Currently, there is not a data download option that would just include the National Center priority variables. We will add this suggestion to our Wish List for future consideration. Standardized report 34 will identify case numbers where data are missing for a limited number of priority variables, but the report currently does not include all the priority variables.

Other NFR-CRS Questions

Q: In my state, the sex on the birth certificate could be "X." Should I select "Unknown" in question A7/Sex (Response options: Male, Female, Unknown)?

Question A7 should indicate sex of child as stated on death certificate. If the sex is not known to be male or female, then select the response “Unknown.” Gender identity can be reported in question A41.

Q: For question A80/Number of months between prior pregnancy and this one (FIMR question only), is it possible to add a “Not applicable” response option when it is the childbearing parent’s first pregnancy?

Thank you for this suggestion. We will add this to our Wish List for consideration for future report tool changes.

Q: For Section B/Biological Parent section, if I don’t have any information about either of the biological parents, do I select “Unknown” for all the questions in this section?

Select the checkbox “No information available” right before question B1. This will then hide all the subsequent questions in Section B, and you should proceed with data entry in Section C next.

Q: If a child was sleeping at night (and the parents were also sleeping), how do you answer question D1/Did the child have supervision at time of incident leading to death? (Response options: Yes; No, not needed given developmental age or circumstances; No, but needed; Unable to determine.)

Select “Yes” in D1 to indicate that the child was supervised. Children are considered supervised during the night if the supervisor was asleep at the time of incident and the incident occurred when you would expect the family to be sleeping. Select “Night time sleep” in Question D15/At the time of the incident, was the supervisor asleep (Response options: Night time sleep, Day time nap, Day time sleep, Other) to indicate supervisor sleep status.

Q: For a neonatal death, if the infant died due to extreme prematurity, is the date of incident the same as the date of birth (question E1)?

Yes, the date of incident would be the same as the date of birth.

Q: For a neonatal death, if the infant lives two weeks in the NICU, is the date of incident the same as the date of birth (question E1)?

Yes, the date of incident would be the same as the date of birth.

Q: For question E2/approximate time of day that incident occurred, should we enter the time the child was last known alive or just guess?

If the specific time of death is unknown, but the window of time in which the child died is a small amount of time (i.e., less than 3 hours), choosing a midpoint as the time of incident is acceptable. If the window of time is large, the team should select “Unknown.”

Q: If the incident sleep place occurred in a Pack N Play, what do you select in question I2a/Incident sleep place?

Select the response option “Crib” and then “Portable” in the follow up question I2a.

Q: In Section O2/FIMR Issues Summary (Present and Contributing Factors, FIMR section only), some of the questions ask us to specify the type of medications the childbearing parent was taking. I find this redundant since it was entered in the previous section. Should we just leave it blank?

This section is meant to be used primarily for local teams to identify gaps in services and needs for improvement in care. Please check with your state coordinator or FIMR administrator for their preference in completion of this section, but it seems reasonable that the detail on types of medications could be left blank (to help ease data entry burden) if the information was documented elsewhere in the report tool.

Other Fatality Review Questions

Q: Is each county responsible for entering all cases?

The answer to that question varies between programs. Please reach out to your state coordinator (found [here](#)) for more information on the deaths that you are responsible for reviewing and entering.

Q: How do you know if the case was sent to the Sudden Death in the Young (SDY) Advanced Review (question N2)?

Please contact your state coordinator (found [here](#)) and they should be able to put you in touch with the SDY Coordinator for your state or jurisdiction.

Data Dictionary

The Data Dictionary for the NFR-CRS can be found [here](#).