

# PAEDIATRIC MIDNIGHT HEAD COUNT REGISTER



UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_



**KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

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## **Purpose:**

The purpose of this register is to daily document the number of children in the paediatric unit and those receiving specific types of care. These numbers are used to calculate the data element- In-patient days. This reflects the **workload** of the unit.

In-patient days is used as a denominator in various indicators including:

- Bed utilisation rate
- Average length of stay
- In hospital mortality rate
- Case fatality rates
- Infection rate

While currently inpatient days for CPAP, ventilation, central lines and urinary catheters are not captured on DHIS they are useful for ward statistics and the last 3 are used, together with the Infection register, to calculate hospital associated infection rates eg CAUTI-Catheter associated urinary tract infection.

## **Instructions:**

1. To be completed in duplicate at 24.00 daily
2. To be completed by the senior nurse on duty.
3. If more than 40 patients in the unit-use more additional pages
4. **All hospitals:**
  - Include the name of every baby present in the neonatal unit.
  - Place a ✓ under Paediatric for every child currently in the ward.
  - Place a ✓ under NCPAP for every child currently on NCPAP.
  - Place a ✓ under ART for every child receiving ART.
  - Place a ✓ under boarder baby for every baby who boarding and not admitted with a condition.
  - Place a ✓ under Lodger mother if the mother is lodging in the hospital.
5. **Regional / Tertiary hospitals only (and District hospitals using urinary catheters):**
  - Place a ✓ under Ventilated if the child is ventilated.
  - Place a ✓ under Central line if the child has a central line.
  - Place a ✓ under Urinary Catheter if the child has a urinary catheter.
6. Total all the ticks in each column.
7. Add the two totals together if more than 20 patients in the unit and all pages totals if more than 40 patients.
8. Submit one copy to the Night matron as per facility policy.
9. The remaining copy should remain in the book.
10. From the remaining copy enter final totals into the Daily DHIS Paediatric data sheet.
11. At 0800-Ensure the Data sheet is verified by the senior day nurse.
12. Submit DHIS data sheet to the FIO.

## **Abbreviations:**

ART-Anti Retroviral Therapy

NCPAP - Nasal continuous positive airways pressure

Date:

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