



Congenital Syphilis Case Investigation form

Neonate/child NCIMS ID: _____

Mother NCIMS ID: _____

Father NCIMS ID (if relevant or known): _____

Useful links

[ASID Management of Perinatal Infections Guidelines](#)

[NSW Health Syphilis in Pregnancy and Newborns Policy Directive \(PD2023_029\)](#)

Summary of case:

This section should contain an overall high level summary of the case. Only needs to be a few sentences/one paragraph in length

Summary of laboratory results:

Please enter in all laboratory information in this section as results become available.

Mother				Neonate			
Testing laboratory	Collection date	Date result available	Results	Testing laboratory	Collection date	Date result available	Results

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Detailed background:

This section should be in narrative form and can include information about the following:

- the parents (e.g. social circumstances/background)
- Mother's antenatal care
- Diagnosis (pre-birth, at birth or post birth)
- Treatment during pregnancy (if any, and if yes, was adequate treatment completed >30 days prior to delivery and was there a 4-fold drop in RPR titre?)
- Outcome of neonate/child
- Escalation points/referrals by services
- Meetings held by PHUs and/or external agencies

Key issues and missed opportunities:

This section can be dot points and may include points on the following:

- missed screening
- incorrect testing
- delayed treatment/untreated infection
- social determinants of health
- inaccurate documentation in eMR
- lack of escalation to appropriate services



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Timeline:

Please enter in all key events in this section e.g. dates of antenatal screens including gestational age, medical appointments, instances where case was referred to other services, escalation points. The information in the table should be consistent with the information in the 'Detailed background' section

Day	Month	Year	Event

Refer relevant cases of congenital syphilis, and near misses, to LHD clinical governance units for consideration of a further investigation into underlying individual or system level errors and issues.