

Benefits

- No hard copy paper record to send to county health department
- No transport cost if there is no hard copy
- No software or maintenance cost
- Increased productivity—faster completion of birth information
- Improved accuracy and timeliness of data
- On-line edits eliminate many common errors—no returned records from the county health department
- Less interruption for the mother at this special time
- Timelier registration of birth records making certifications available to the family much sooner
- Availability of standard statistical reports of births for the hospital

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What is EBR?

“Electronic Birth Registration” (EBR) is the mechanism by which births are registered via the Internet. It is designed to allow a hospital birth registrar to electronically enter and register a child’s birth record, and capture and store any required signatures. This innovative technology eliminates the need for hospitals to forward original hard copy birth records to county health departments. This new system has been piloted with several hospitals with great results!



This EBR brochure introduces you to the system which will streamline your birth registration process, make you virtually paperless, improve customer service, and best of all, save money in time, labor and courier service! It provides information on the system and equipment requirements, training, implementation assistance, and overall benefits to your hospital.



System/Equipment Requirements

Within the unit where birth records are prepared, the hospital will need a computer with Microsoft Windows 2000 or XP operating system, an available serial or USB port, and Internet connectivity. A laptop with a wireless internet connection is preferred and recommended for signature capture within the patient’s room, but a desktop application will work. A printer is required that is either wireless or directly connected to the laptop. This is the preferred method, but a network printer will work as well.



Registered users log on through their local Internet provider and enter the data directly into the state database via a Citrix server. There is no software cost for hospitals and no intrusion into hospital computer systems or firewalls. The birth registrar accesses the *state* system; *not* the hospital system. The state vital statistics information technology (IT) department will work closely with your facility’s IT staff to ensure everything is downloaded and working properly prior to full implementation.

In order for the hospital and state office to ensure a record is filed for every delivery, and that no fraudulent record is filed, the birth registrar will fax the local county vital statistics office a labor and delivery log for reconciliation against the records entered into the database.

Training

Training on the new EBR system takes only one day! That’s it!

Training covers everything from entering several different types of birth records that you would experience in your facility, to running reports. Administrative functions are taught separately to those who will manage the attendants’ tables and running behind the scene reports. EBR reports allow the hospital to access data on all deliveries for such information as number of deliveries by each attendant or payment type, etc.



Implementation

To preserve the knowledge acquired from training, the “Go Live” date is the day following the training. This will allow the birth registrar to immediately put into practice what has been learned. The training instructor will be in attendance at your facility so you will have immediate on the spot assistance. You will be provided a contact number for any additional assistance you might require as well as a HelpDesk to answer questions after VS staff has left your facility.

