Registration criteria

The ANZNN’s audit of high-risk neonates includes babies admitted to a newborn nursery who meet the following criteria:

• born at less than 32 completed weeks gestation, or
• weighed less than 1,500 grams at birth, or
• received assisted ventilation (mechanical ventilation) including intermittent positive pressure ventilation (IPPV) or continuous positive airways pressure (CPAP) or high flow nasal air/oxygen using a device, blender and humidification, for four or more consecutive hours, or died while receiving mechanical ventilation prior to four hours of age, or
• received major surgery (surgery that involved opening a body cavity).

Babies who were discharged home and readmitted to a NICU during their neonatal period are not registered to the ANZNN audit. The hospital of registration for a baby is the first level III NICU that the baby remains in for four or more hours during the first 28 days of life. Babies who receive their entire care in a level II hospital or who are not transferred to a level III NICU during the first 28 days of life are registered to the first level II centre that they remain in for four or more hours.