

## Frequently Asked Questions about Infant Feeding Choice

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Why collect this data?** Because it is used in the clinical performance measure called Breastfeeding Rates that is reported in the RPMS Clinical Reporting System (CRS). While this measure is currently not a GPRA measure (one reported to Congress and OMB) it is used in support of the GPRA measure Childhood Weight Control with the goal of lowering the incidence of childhood obesity in the IHS patient population. Additionally, facilities can use this data to track infant feeding patterns and breastfeeding rates within their own patient population.

Research indicates that children who were breastfed have lower incidences of overweight or obesity. For additional information, please click the link below to review the article in the March 2007 *IHS Primary Care Provider*.

<http://www.ihs.gov/PublicInfo/Publications/HealthProvider/issues/PROV0307.pdf>

**How is this data used?** It is used in the CRS Breastfeeding Rates topic in several measures that report:

1. How many patients approximately 2 months through 1 year of age were ever screened for infant feeding choice.
2. How many patients were screened at the approximate ages of 2 months, 6 months, 9 months, and 1 year.
3. How many patients who were screened were either exclusively or mostly breastfed at those age ranges.

Users may run the CRS Selected Measures (Local) Reports to view all of the breastfeeding performance measures. The report also provides the option to include a list of patients and identifies the dates and ages they were screened and their infant feeding choice values. Click the link below to learn how to run this report in CRS, starting on page 206 (as numbered in the document itself, not in Adobe).

[http://www.ihs.gov/misc/links\\_gateway/download.cfm?doc\\_id=10716&app\\_dir\\_id=4&doc\\_file=bgp\\_070u.pdf](http://www.ihs.gov/misc/links_gateway/download.cfm?doc_id=10716&app_dir_id=4&doc_file=bgp_070u.pdf)

**Is Infant Feeding Choice data the same as the data included in the Birth Measurements section of the EHR and with the PIF (Infant Feeding Patient Data) mnemonic in PCC?** No, it is different. The information collected in these sections are intended for one-time collection of birth weight, birth order, age when formula was started, breastfeeding was stopped and solid foods started, and linking to mother/guardian. Shown below is a screen shot of this section from EHR. While this information is important, none of it is used in the logic for the CRS Breastfeeding Rates measure; only the Infant Feeding Choice data is used.

**What are the definitions for the Infant Feeding Choices?** The definitions are shown below and are the same definitions used in both EHR and PCC.

- Exclusive Breastfeeding: Formula supplementing less than 3 times per week (<3x per week)
- Mostly Breastfeeding: Formula supplementing 3 or more times per week ( $\geq 3x$  per week) but otherwise mostly breastfeeding
- ½ Breastfeeding, ½ Formula Feeding: Half the time breastfeeding, half the time formula feeding
- Mostly Formula: The baby is mostly formula fed, but breastfeeds at least once a week
- Formula Only: Baby receives only formula

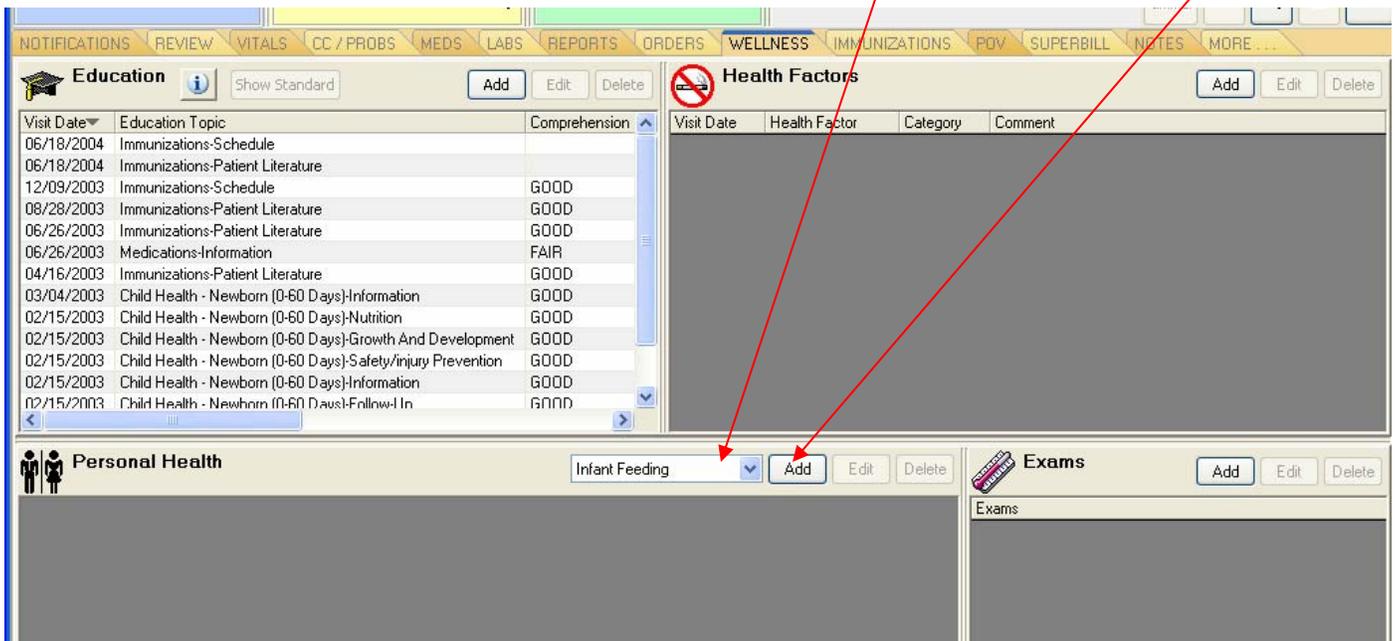
**Who should be collecting this information and how often?** It depends on how your facility is set up but any provider can collect this information. At a minimum, all providers in Well Child and Pediatric clinics should be collecting this information for patients 45-394 days old at all visits occurring during that age range. Public Health Nurses should also be collecting this information. This data can be entered in EHR or PCC/PCC+, as described below.

## ENTERING INFANT FEEDING CHOICE DATA IN EHR

**In which version of EHR is Infant Feeding Choice data able to be entered?** EHR Version 1.1, which was deployed nationally on October 3, 2007.

### **How do I enter Infant Feeding Choice in EHR?**

1. After you have selected the patient and the visit, go to the Personal Health section. For some EHR sites, this may be included on the Wellness tab.
2. From the Personal Health dropdown list, select Infant Feeding, then click the Add button.



**NOTE:** The age of the patient must be five years or less to be able to select Infant Feeding; otherwise, Infant Feeding will not be listed in the dropdown list.

3. At the Add Infant Feeding Record window, click the appropriate checkbox to select the type of infant feeding, and then click the OK button to save the value.



4. The patient's value for Infant Feeding Choice for this visit is now displayed in the Personal Health section, as shown below.

The screenshot displays a medical software interface with several sections. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for NOTIFICATIONS, REVIEW, VITALS, CC / PROBS, MEDS, LABS, REPORTS, ORDERS, WELLNESS, IMMUNIZATIONS, POV, SUPERBILL, NOTES, and MORE... Below this, the 'Education' section is active, showing a table of education topics and their comprehension levels. To the right, the 'Health Factors' section is visible but empty. At the bottom, the 'Personal Health' section is active, showing a dropdown menu for 'Infant Feeding' and a list of entries. A red arrow points from the 'Infant Feeding' dropdown to the entry '10/26/2007: Exclusive Breastfeeding'.

Visit Date	Education Topic	Comprehension
06/18/2004	Immunizations-Schedule	
06/18/2004	Immunizations-Patient Literature	
12/09/2003	Immunizations-Schedule	GOOD
08/28/2003	Immunizations-Patient Literature	GOOD
06/26/2003	Immunizations-Patient Literature	GOOD
06/26/2003	Medications-Information	FAIR
04/16/2003	Immunizations-Patient Literature	GOOD
03/04/2003	Child Health - Newborn (0-60 Days)-Information	GOOD
02/15/2003	Child Health - Newborn (0-60 Days)-Nutrition	GOOD
02/15/2003	Child Health - Newborn (0-60 Days)-Growth And Development	GOOD
02/15/2003	Child Health - Newborn (0-60 Days)-Safety/Injury Prevention	GOOD
02/15/2003	Child Health - Newborn (0-60 Days)-Information	GOOD
02/15/2003	Child Health - Newborn (0-60 Days)-Follow-Up	GOOD

Visit Date	Health Factor	Category	Comment
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**Personal Health**

Infant Feeding [v] Add Edit Delete

10/26/2007: Exclusive Breastfeeding

**Exams** Add Edit Delete

Exams

## ENTERING INFANT FEEDING CHOICE DATA IN PCC/PCC+

**Which data entry patch do I need?** You will need to have data entry patch 8 (apcd0200.08k) installed, which was released on October 19, 2005.

### **How do I enter Infant Feeding Choice in PCC?**

1. Create a new visit or select an existing visit to append.
2. At the Mnemonic prompt, type "IF" (Infant Feeding Choices) and press Enter.

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POV's  
POV: V20.2 PROVIDER NARRATIVE: WELL CHILD VISIT  
FIRST/REVISIT: REVISIT  
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LAB's  
LAB TEST: GLUCOSE RESULTS: 42 ORDERING PROVIDER: CHOATE, DAVID R  
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MNEMONIC: IF Infant Feeding Choices ALLOWED VISIT RELATED ONLY  
Enter FEEDING CHOICE: ??  
  
Choose from:  
  
You may enter a new V INFANT FEEDING CHOICES, if you wish  
Choose from:  
1 EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING  
2 MOSTLY BREASTFEEDING  
3 1/2 & 1/2 BREAST AND FORMULA  
4 MOSTLY FORMULA  
5 FORMULA ONLY  
  
Enter FEEDING CHOICE: 1 (1 EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING)  
MNEMONIC:  
  
CAP NUM
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3. Type the number corresponding to the type of feeding and press Enter. If you do not know the number, type "??" and press Enter to see a list of choices.
4. You are returned to the Mnemonic prompt. Continue with data entry of other items.

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