

Neonatal Varicella Infection Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit If you have any questions about this form, please contact the APSU at email SCHN-APSU@health.nsw.gov.au		APSU Office Use Only
		Study ID #:
<i>Instructions: Please answer each question by ticking the appropriate box or writing your response in the space provided. DK=Don't Know; NA = Not Applicable</i>		Version: 2.2 10.12.2025

REPORTING CLINICIAN

1. APSU Dr Code/Name: _____ / _____
Provide your best organisational email address: _____
2. Month/Year of Report: _____ / _____
3. Date questionnaire completed: _____ / _____ / _____

PATIENT

4. First 2 letters of first name: _____
5. First 2 letters of surname: _____
6. Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
7. Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female
8. Post code: _____
9. Date of diagnosis: _____ (month) _____ (year)
10. Birth weight (if known): _____ grams
11. Gestational age at birth (if known): _____ weeks
12. Country of Birth: ☐ Australia ☐ Other, specify: _____ ☐ Don't know
13. Mother's country of birth: ☐ Australia ☐ Other, specify: _____ ☐ Don't know
14. Father's country of birth: ☐ Australia ☐ Other, specify: _____ ☐ Don't know
15. Is the child of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If this patient is primarily cared for by another physician whom you believe will report the case, please write the other physician's name and complete questionnaire details above this line and return.

If no other report is received for this child we will contact you for further information.

Please keep the patient's name and other details on your APSU file.

The primary clinician caring for this child is: **Name:** _____

Hospital: _____

Instructions: Please answer each question by ticking the appropriate box or writing your response in the space provided.

DK= Don't Know, NA = Not applicable

Section A: Diagnosis of neonatal varicella infection

16. How was varicella infection diagnosed in the infant? ☐ Clinical ☐ Laboratory ☐ Both
17. If laboratory, which tests were +ve? (tick all that apply) ☐ Culture ☐ PCR ☐ EM ☐ IF ☐ Serology

xx. Has varicella genotyping being performed?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If Yes, Type:

If NO, is there any leftover specimen available for Genotyping?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

18. a. Give age when illness commenced:

b. Approximate duration of illness:

_____ days

c. Did the infant spend time in hospital due to varicella?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If Yes, number of days in hospital:

_____ days

e. Was the infant admitted to ICU/HDU?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If Yes, number of days in ICU/HDU:

_____ days

Section B: Clinical Features that can be attributed to varicella

19. Did the child have any of the following?

(please tick all that apply)

a. Skin lesions consistent with varicella

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

b. Bacteraemia / septic shock

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

c. Toxic shock / toxin mediated disease

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

d. Necrotising fasciitis

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

e. Encephalitis

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

f. Purpura fulminans

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

g. Disseminated coagulopathy

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

h. X-Ray evidence of pneumonia

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

i. Fulminant varicella (multi-organ involvement)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

j. Reye's Syndrome

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

k. Hepatitis

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

l. Other (please specify)

20. If there is/was concurrent or secondary infection state site of infection, sample type and organism:

Site	Sample Type	Organism
e.g. brain	e.g. CSF	e.g. Staphylococcus Aureus

Section C. Underlying medical conditions

21. Is the patient immunocompromised?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If yes, specify:

22. Has the patient any other significant underlying illness?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If yes, specify:

Section D. Management

23. Did the child receive any specific treatment?

☐ Yes
☐ No – go to section E
☐ Don't know – go to section E

24. Antiviral agent?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If yes, please specify in the table below:

	Date of first dose	Dose	Date ceased
☐ Aciclovir			
☐ Famiciclovir			
☐ Valaciclovir			

25. Zoster Immune Globulin? ☐ Yes – date: _____ / _____ / _____
☐ No
☐ Don't know
26. Other treatments? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
If yes, please describe: _____

Section E. Outcome

27. What is the patient's current status? ☐ Still hospitalised – *go to question 28*
☐ Dead – *go to question 27a*
☐ Discharged alive – *go to question 27b*
- (a) If the child died, was varicella, or its complications, a cause of death? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
- (b) If the child was discharged, were there any ongoing problems on discharge? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
If yes, please specify: _____

Section F. About Exposure to Varicella of Mother and Infant

28. Was there a history of varicella exposure for the infant? ☐ Intrauterine – *go to question 29*
☐ Postnatal – *go to question 32*
☐ No – *questionnaire is finished – thank you*
☐ Don't know – *questionnaire is finished – thank you*
29. During pregnancy, did the mother have contact with someone infected with varicella? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
If yes, gestation in weeks from LMP: _____ weeks
30. Was maternal varicella infection confirmed by laboratory testing? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
If Yes, which laboratory tests were +ve?
☐ Culture
☐ PCR
☐ EM
☐ IF
☐ Serology
31. Did the mother have a varicella-like illness in Pregnancy? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
 (a) *If yes, stage of pregnancy in weeks from LMP:* _____ weeks
 (b) What treatment was provided to the mother for the varicella-like illness?
☐ Zoster immune globulin
☐ Aciclovir
☐ Famciclovir
☐ Valaciclovir
☐ None
☐ Don't know
☐ Other (*specify*): _____
32. Who was the contact? (e.g. friend, relative) _____ ☐ Don't know
If Contact was a child please give age: _____
33. Was this contact living in the same household as the mother or affected infant? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know
34. Was the contact vaccinated against varicella? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Thank you for your assistance with this research project

Please return this questionnaire to the APSU via email to SCHN-APSU@health.nsw.gov.au
 or by mail to: Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit, Kids Research, Locked Bag 4001, Westmead NSW 2145
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