Curated Neonatal Data Elements

1. curated\_feeding\_practice

**Exclusively Breastfeeding Definition**: Breastfeeding means that the infant receives only breast milk. No other liquids or solids are given – not even water – with the exception of oral rehydration solution, or drops/syrups of vitamins, minerals or medicines ([WHO](https://www.who.int/tools/elena/interventions/exclusive-breastfeeding))

Assuming infant\_age (in days) is when the sample is collected, if “infant\_age” < “formula\_first\_day” and (“feeding\_practice” == “exclusively\_breastfeeding” ***or*** “breastfeeding\_duration” != 0), then “curated\_feeding\_practice” == “exclusively\_breastfeeding”

Any\_breastfeeding = exclusively\_breastfeeding; mixed\_feeding

1. curated\_premature

Premature is any gestational age (GA) reported as less than 37 weeks or premature == ‘yes’

1. curated\_born\_method

Possible values: vaginal, c-section, Emergency\_CS, Elective\_CS, NA