

How to Generate PTracker ID

Namibia PMTCT Tracker Identifier (PTracker ID) provide the capability to uniquely identify patients across facilities. They guarantee the uniqueness of individuals seeking health services in different health facilities across Namibia. More importantly, it enables us to uniquely track clients who would otherwise be lost to follow-up from the onset of pregnancy and through the PMTCT clinical cascade. Being able to track clients can improve patient safety, the quality of care as well as strengthen the delivery of health services.

PTracker ID should be generated and assigned to each patient record at the time of recording the patient details into the ANC, Delivery or MBFU Care Registers during a visit **before** electronic data entry in PTracker.

MOTHER PTRACKER ID

The Mother's PTracker ID should consist of the following:

1. Five Digit Master Facility List Code [MFLC] (**12345**) provided to each facility.
2. A one letter register label (A) for the facility registers so as to distinguish between multiple registers which may be in use at a facility at the same time. This distinction largely pertains to integrated sites that may have multiple ANC registers in use at the same time. Thus, the range of alpha markers is as follows:
 - **ANC register** - (A, B, C, D) representing ANC register
 - **L&D register** - (L, M, N) representing L&D/ Delivery register
 - **Mother Baby Follow up register at PNC** - (P, Q, R) representing MBFU/PNC register.

Note: The register label will vary depending on the entry point. If a client first encounter is ANC, the first register will be labelled "A", then "B", "C" and "D". For Labor and Delivery, it will be "L", then "M" and "N". For PNC, the labelling will start from "P" then "Q" and "R". If there is only register in use at your facility then only one letter should be used for the register.

3. Two digit year of the register (YY)
4. Four digit patient serial number in the register (SSSS)

Example 1.

For example, if an ANC client is visiting Groot Aub Clinic (Facility code- **10305**) is recorded in the first ANC Register (**A**) in use at the facility in 2017 (**17**) and assigned a serial number 0004 in the ANC register at the time of first ANC then the PTracker ID will be



Example 2.

If a new client, not previously registered at ANC at Groot Aub or elsewhere, delivers at Groot Aub Clinic (10305) and recorded as the first Delivery 0001 in their Delivery Register (L) in 2017 (17) then the PTracker ID will be

10305L170001

INFANT PTRACKER ID

This infant PTracker ID is given to HIV exposed and non-exposed infants at time of registration during maternity or at PNC.

The Infant PTracker ID consists of the following:

1. The 12-digit mother's PTracker ID (10305L170001)
2. The sequential one digit baby number (starting at 1, 2..... 9)

Example 3.

Using the delivery scenario in **example 2** above, if one baby is born from that pregnancy then the baby's PTracker ID will be



If multiple babies are born from one pregnancy, then the baby's PTracker ID is assigned sequentially. Using the delivery scenario in **example 3**. Instead of one baby, let's assume twins were born from that pregnancy. The PTracker ID's for twins will be:

Baby 1: 10305L1700041

Baby 2: 10305L1700042

To summarize

All women (either expectant at ANC or mother at L&D and PNC) will have a

- PTracker ID (12 digits) assigned at time of registration either at ANC, LD or PNC
Facility code +Register letter + Year of Registration + Serial Number=

All infants will have an

- Infant PTracker ID (13 digits) assigned at the time of birth
Mother PTracker ID +Sequential Baby Number