



Issue: Baby Clinic Summary Sheet

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Background: Requests have been made to consider the use of the “Baby Clinic Summary Sheet” (Medical Record # HX67) as the standard form for recording infant growth monitoring and related information on individual infants in summary format. This form is factory printed and available through Stores (Order # OOHX67).

The form appears to be widely used in Top End, but has more limited use in Central Australia, where “Child Health Notes” (HX17) and similar forms have been utilised.

Discussion: The “Baby Clinic Summary Sheet” (HX67) is a form which allows summary style recording of infant growth and related information. It differs from the “Child Health Notes” (HX17) primarily through it’s directive layout which provides guidance on when routine checks are due in addition to ad hoc recordings to be noted.

HX17 is a more open form with increased space for comments but with less comprehensive prompts.

Comparing both forms, the HX67 appears to be a more suitable form for recording summary information, with the particular advantage of how it may assist recall through the provision of prompts for routine checks.

The HX67 provides a column for noting de-worming. While this is only routinely applied in Top End it would not preclude use of the form in Central Australia.

It is noted that the use of a summary sheet should not be the sole record of child health observations or interventions. Progress notes, “Road to Health” charting and other GAA recording should be used appropriately. However, the summary sheet retains it’s value for quick reference as a single page record – useful for health centre and visiting staff alike, copying when referring children to hospital etc.

The Child Health team is beginning work on designing a child health careplan to replace this form of documentation, along with other developments for improving GAA processes and documentation. However in the interim period the use of the HX67 form is deemed to be the most suitable for it’s purpose.

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References: Section 4 of former CA Atlas

Outcome: **The form “Baby Clinic Summary Sheet” (HX67) is endorsed for NT wide use.**

This applies to new records only. Existing forms within client medical records need not be replaced.

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