

VERMONT OXFORD NETWORK

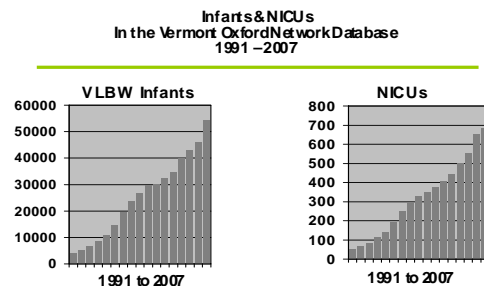
***"Integrating Research into Daily Practice
to Improve the Effectiveness and Efficiency
of Neonatal Intensive Care"***



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Overview:

The **Vermont Oxford Network** is a non-profit voluntary collaboration of health care professionals dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of neonatal intensive care through an integrated program of outcomes research, randomized clinical trials and quality improvement projects. Founded in 1988 by Jerold F. Lucey, M.D. and developed in collaboration with Jeffrey D. Horbar, M.D. and Roger F. Soll, M.D., the Network is today comprised of over 800 Neonatal Intensive Care Units of varying sizes, predominantly in the United States and including centers in Canada, Europe, Asia, the Pacific Rim, Middle East, South America and South Africa. The Network offers an independent and neutral data source and provides members with the opportunity for collaboration on an international scale. The Vermont Oxford Network provides unique, reliable and confidential data to participating units for quality management, process improvement, internal audit and peer review. Health care professionals from member institutions participate actively in clinical trials, and epidemiological and outcomes research. The results of this research are disseminated in Network publications and newsletters, scientific articles in peer reviewed medical journals and on the Vermont Oxford Network web site. Membership in the Network is open to all who are interested.



We anticipate that the Database will continue to grow in the coming years. In addition to the growth in the numbers of NICUs submitting data, we expanded the database to include infants with birth weights over 1500 grams starting in 2001.

WHAT DOES THE NETWORK OFFER?

- 1. Largest Database of Information on Very Low Birthweight Infants**
- 2. Opportunities for Partnership in Innovative Neonatology Research**
- 3. Continuous Quality Improvement Projects**
- 4. Timely and Accurate Comparative NICU Reports**
- 5. Annual Members' Conference (CME credits)**
- 6. Newsletter**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2009 Membership in the Vermont Oxford Network costs \$4000 per year for the Very Low Birth Weight Database and between \$4300 and \$6400 per year for the Expanded Database depending on the size of your hospital. If your health care institution or group practice would like to become a member, please complete and return the Membership Application and Membership Agreement accompanied by the fee and mail to the following address:

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