

NURSING PRIORITY SCREENING

A. CHILDREN WITH KNOWN DISABILITY

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| 1. Congenital anomaly | |
| a) Major (probability of permanent disability) e.g.: Down's Syndrome | 9 |
| b) Moderate (correction may be possible) e.g.: Cleft palate | 6 |
| 2. a) Major disability acquired during first 5 years of life (probability of permanent disability)
e.g.: Cerebral Palsy, severe brain damage | 9 |
| b) Moderate disability acquired during first 5 years of life (correction may be possible) e.g.: loss of limb | 6 |

B. DEVELOPMENTAL RISK FACTORS

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| 3. Low birth weight | |
| a) 0 - 1499 gm | 9 |
| b) 1500 - 1999 gm | 8 |
| c) 2000 - 2499 gm | 6 |
| 4. Bilirubin level over 20 mg/dl or 340 umol / L | 8 |
| 5. Complications of pregnancy | |
| a) Infections that can be transmitted in utero and may damage the fetus (e.g.: rubella) | 9 |
| b) Drugs - e.g.: alcohol use diagnosed in mother | 9 |
| 6. Complications of labour and delivery | |
| a) Labour requiring mid forceps including breech delivery with forceps | 4 |
| b) Infant trauma or illness (e.g.: convulsions, respiratory distress syndrome) | 6 |
| c) Apgar at 5 minutes only if less than 7. Deduct apgar score at 5 minutes from 10 points | — |
| 7. Family history of a disability not detectable at birth that could affect development
e.g.: deafness, mental disability | 4 |
| 8. Developmental concerns not already covered in any above category | |
| a) Acquired risk of developmental delay due to illness or trauma in first 5 years | 6 |
| b) Delayed developmental assessment in first 5 years | 9 |

C. FAMILY INTERACTION RISK FACTORS

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| 9. Age of mother | |
| a) 15 and under | 9 |
| b) 16 or 17 | 8 |
| c) 18 or 19 | 5 |
| 10. Social Situation | |
| a) Father of infant not resident but other support available | 2 |
| b) Father not resident and no support | 7 |
| c) Father resident and supportive but no other social support,
or severe isolation by language or geography | 4 |
| 11. On social assistance or financial difficulties | 3 |
| 12. No prenatal care before sixth month | 4 |
| 13. Mental illness or disability in mother and/or father | |
| a) Schizophrenia or manic depression | 7 |
| b) Postpartum depression | 9 |
| c) Mental disability of parent | 6 |
| 14. Prolonged postpartum maternal separation (5 days or more) | |
| a) With frequent infant contacts (visits or phone as feasible) | 2 |
| b) Little or no contact | 6 |
| 15. Assessed lack of bonding e.g. eye contact, touching, etc. minimal | 6 |
| 16. 3+ hospitalizations in a year in absence of known disability or chronic illness | 7 |
| 17. Other – e.g.: marital distress, low education status, failure to thrive,
difficulty raising an older child, etc. (score 0 - 9) | — |

PRIORITY SCORE : 9 and over = high priority 6 to 8 = moderate priority 3 to 5 = low priority 0 to 2 = minimal priority

TOTAL
PRIORITY
SCORE