



PERINATAL SERVICES BC

NEWS ON MERGED DATABASE AT YOUR HEALTH AUTHORITY

If you are part of a merged database system in your Health Authority, you are no longer required to be off your system when another hospital is scheduled to do the Period End Procedure.

In the past, it was determined that all users must exit the system while one hospital completes the Period End process. Perinatal Services BC has recently completed further testing on the Period End Procedure for merged databases and the results have proven to be very positive. In a merged database system, there is no need for ALL sites to be off the system when one site is performing the Period End in the same health authority.

NOTE: ALL users of the HOSPITAL site performing the Period End process must still be off the system.

Some of the positive features of a merged Perinatal database are:

- Improved security with an SQL server compared to a locally installed Access database
- Availability of health authority-wide perinatal information allowing for complete and timely reporting for policy development, service delivery planning, quality improvement initiatives, educational and research activities.



- Timely perinatal information readily available at the hospital and health authority levels for all users who have access to the system. No longer necessary to request information from Perinatal Services BC for health authority data.
- Data entry can be performed for more than one hospital. This can be a bonus at times when sites fall behind on their backlog for Perinatal data entry.

The Health Authorities with PDR merged databases:

- Fraser Health Authority
- Northern Health Authority
- Vancouver Island Health Authority