

Appendix

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Perinatal Data Collection **Exclusions:** 2009-2010 Stillbirths N = 188.587 births in 109 (N = 1.950 births)hospitals Births in hospitals without continuous maternity services during the study period or with midwifery-only services (N = 1.907 births in 7 hospitals)Births in hospitals with <50 births p.a. (N = 391 births in 28 hospitals)Perinatal Data Collection Preterm births in hospitals which lack the 2009-2010 service capability to manage preterm infants N = 184,339 births in 81 (N = 308 deliveries in 30 hospitals)hospitals Excluded births with missing data on one of the pregnancy/maternal characteristics (N = 721 births)Final analysis data set 2009-2010 N = 183,310 births in 81

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