

# Neonatal Tetanus

NEONATAL TETANUS SURVEILLANCECASE DEFINITIONS: 1. Suspect Case Any neonatal death between 3 and 28 days for which the cause of death is unknown OR Any neonate reported as having suffered from NT between 3 - 28 days of age and not investigated. 2. Confirmed Case Any neonate (<28 days of life) that sucks and cries normally during the first 2 days of life, and becomes ill between 3 to 28 days of age and develops an inability to suck and diffuse muscle rigidity (stiffness), which may include trismus,clenched fists or feet, continuously pursed lips, and/or curved back (opisthotonus). OR A neonate diagnosed as a case of tetanus by the physician.