

> Exercise: Using Health Information

Module 9 – Reproductive Health

Case Study 1 (Safe Motherhood)

Rebecca, a 19 year old refugee, attended antenatal clinic on 3 June 2008. This is her second pregnancy. She is married and has one healthy 18 month child, born by spontaneous vaginal delivery in January 2007.

She tells you that her last menstrual period was on 4 March 2008. She has not yet attended the antenatal clinic during this pregnancy. She is tested for Haemoglobin, which is 10.2 g/dl, and tests negative for syphilis. She is also given an insecticide treated net.

(a) Update her information into the antenatal register. What is her expected delivery date?

She has already received 2 doses of tetanus toxoid under the routine EPI program. Her last dose (TT2) was on 28 February 2008.

(b) Based on your knowledge of the routine TT vaccination schedule, does she need to receive any further TT prophylaxis during this pregnancy? How will you record her TT status in the Antenatal register?

She comes back for second visit on 12 August. Her Haemoglobin is 12.6 g/dl, and no antenatal risk factors are detected. She receives a dose of mebendazole and fansidar.

On 7 October she attends for the third check-up. On examination you notice that she has a transverse lie, and her blood pressure is 170/100. She receives a second dose of fansidar at this visit.

(c) Record the information for the second and third visits in the register. What steps would you take following the findings from the third visit?

Rebecca misses her final scheduled visit on 11 November, and on 27 November is admitted in second stage of labour to the maternity ward. Her BP is 140/80 and the fetal heart rate is 110 bpm.

Her progress in labour is unsatisfactory; she is diagnosed with a persistent transverse lie and the decision is made to refer her to theatre and conduct a caesarean section. The operation was carried out by the on-call Doctor at 3 am in the morning. During the course of the procedure she lost approximately 500 mls of blood.

The newborn girl was weighed immediately after the operation, and birth weight was recorded as 1900g. At five minutes, skin colour was normal but there was weak movements and response to stimulation. Respiratory rate was poor and heart rate was 90 bpm. Rebecca was given a postnatal dose of vitamin A on the maternity ward the day after the operation.

(d) Update this information into the delivery register.

- (e) Now update this delivery information into the antenatal register. What mechanism do you have in place to ensure this happens in your camp? Where else should this information be recorded. Why?**

Rebecca is kept under observation for one week and discharged from the maternity unit on 4 December 2008. She attends for her first postnatal visit a week later on 11 December. No risk factors are present.

- (f) Enter this information into the postnatal register.**
- (g) What is Rebecca's expected date of discharge from the postnatal program? What must you take into consideration when determining her exact date?**

The second and third visits are attended on time, with no complications detected in either.

- (h) Enter this information into the register to complete the postnatal entry for Rebecca**

Case Study 2 (Family Planning)

Rebecca attends family planning clinic on 29 May 2008. She has not attended the clinic in the camp before. After counselling, you provide her with 25 pieces of condoms and 3 monthly cycles of high-dose COCP. You schedule a repeat visit on 28 August.

- (a) Record this visit in the Family Planning Register. How will you know if she attends for the repeat visit on time or not?**

She comes back to the clinic on 5 September 2008. She decides to stop using lo-femenal and to move to Depo-provera. You provide her with the 1st injection of Depo, provide another 25 pieces of condoms, and schedule another appointment for 3 months time.

- (b) What type of user is she? What do you take into consideration in making your decision?**
- (c) Record this second visit into the Family Planning register**

