

THE PERINATAL INFORMATION SYSTEM I: THE SIMPLIFIED PERINATAL CLINICAL RECORD (SPCR)

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The Latin American Centre for Perinatology and Human Development (C.L.A.P. PAHO/WHO) has designed the SPCR as a tool for the planification of perinatal health coverage for the mother and her child.

Real size is
27.5 X 21.5 cm

Black boxes are
yellow in the original
as a warning.

The SPCR standardizes data collection, eases the interchange of information within the institution and between institutions. The SPCR also allows to enforce local standards, constitutes a training tool and a Health Services evaluation tool.

The SPCR was designed to fit in a single sheet of paper to cut costs down. It contains nevertheless the information that is necessary to guarantee an acceptable level of perinatal care. The lay-out of the SPCR includes sections for personal history, birth and the first neonatal period.

The SPCR includes a warning mechanism to highlight prevalent factors that may increase perinatal risk.

With the use of a personal computer and a software package specially designed by C.L.A.P. to process SPCR data, any perinatal institution can obtain perinatal statistical information.

The SPCR has been adopted by 13 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.