

Low Head Circumference

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Category.....I, C

Risk Level.....Low



Risk Description

An infant or child under 2 years of age with a head circumference at or below the 2nd percentile for age.

At risk if:

Infants or children under 24 months of age
with $\leq 2\%$ head circumference for age.

(when premature, assign based on adjusted age)

Reason for Risk

Low head circumference is associated with prematurity and very low birth weight as well as a variety of genetic, nutrition or health related factors that can impact cognitive function. Identification of low head circumference can lead to appropriate referrals and support.

How is Risk Assigned?

- ◆ TWIST-selected based on head circumference measurements entered on the “Medical Data” screen.



Additional Documentation

No special requirements.



Education/Referrals

This is a LOW risk level – a referral to a health care professional is recommended.

Example

Samuel is one month old and has come to the WIC clinic for enrollment. His head circumference is 1% for age. Risk 152

would be assigned and a referral made to his medical provider.