

Risk 141 - Low Birth Weight

Risk description

An infant or child under 24 months of age whose birth weight was less than or equal to 5 pounds 8 ounces (2500 grams).

Reason for risk

Infants with a low birth weight are at risk for numerous health concerns including deficiencies in physical and mental development during childhood. A high-quality diet is needed to complete their growth.

Category	Infants, Children (up to 24 months)
Risk level	High
At risk if:	Birth weight is less than or equal to 5 pounds 8 ounces (2500 grams)
Not at risk if:	Birth weight is greater than or equal to 5 pounds 9 ounces (2501 grams) OR Child is over 24 months of age
How is risk assigned?	Data system assigned based on birth weight entered into the data system.
Additional documentation	Referral to the RD is required.