



susana

Good health for mothers and babies

LUXEMBOURG'S BIRTH-RELATED HEALTH-
MONITORING SYSTEM



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What is **susana**?

Since 1980, all maternity wards in Luxembourg joined the data collection project concerning the health of mothers and babies before, during and after birth.

The **susana** program is placed under the responsibility of the Ministry of Health. It has been elaborated by the national PERINAT steering committee, which is composed of representatives of various health professions: gynaecologists, neonatologists, paediatricians, midwives, paediatric nurses, the Centre de Recherche Public de la Santé and the Ministry of Health.

The following information is collected by the **susana** program:

- the mother's health during pregnancy, at and after birth,
- the baby's health at birth and during the first days of life.



What is **susana** used for?

susana is used to:

- obtain an overview of the state of health of mothers and babies,
- identify and pay specific attention on health risks,
- provide mothers and infants with quality medical health care in Luxembourg, and improve it, when necessary,
- monitor the evolution of the mothers' and babies' health over time,
- compare Luxembourg's results at international level,
- implement preventive and health-promoting programs and initiatives based on the results obtained.







What information is gathered?

The collected information meets the recommendations of the WHO - World Health Organization, the European task force PERISTAT as well as the national needs defined by the Ministry of Health and the PERINAT National Committee. This committee includes representatives of the Ministry of Health; maternity wards; societies and associations of gynaecologists, paediatricians, neonatologists and midwives, and the Centre de Recherche Public de la Santé.

A close-up photograph of a woman holding a newborn baby. The woman is looking down at the baby with a gentle expression. The baby is wearing a white onesie with a pattern. The background is plain white.

How does the data compilation work?



susana questions are asked strictly for public health purposes. They help identifying those factors which might influence the health of the mother and her baby.

During a prenatal visit, your midwife or gynaecologist will ask you a few questions concerning your life habits and your health.

Your midwife, gynaecologist or paediatrician will collect further information directly **after childbirth**.

Examples of questions:

- Was the birth achieved through a Caesarean?
- How did the baby present itself? (Breech birth, vertex presentation...)
- What was the baby's weight at birth?
- Did your baby need to be resuscitated?



The answers you provide will be captured in a secure computer program. As your involvement in this record is voluntary, you can refuse answering the questions. A refusal won't affect your case management during your stay at the maternity ward.

susana: a secure, confidential data collection?

In accordance with the Law of August 2nd, 2002 regarding the protection of individuals and of personal data, your answers will be treated confidentially.

What happens to my and my baby's data?

Your data will be analyzed together with those of all mothers and babies born in Luxembourg. Once these data have been analysed, a report of perinatal health monitoring indicators will be prepared.

Where can you find the results of susana?

The results will be published on the Ministry of Health's website, www.ms.public.lu and on the Health Portal, www.sante.lu

In case of further questions

If you have further questions about the **susana** Birth-Related Health-Monitoring System please contact:

- The supervisor of the maternity ward in which you gave birth
- **Aline Lecomte**, at the Centre de Recherche Public de la Santé, Tel.: (+352) 26 970 882
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You and the health professionals are key players in protecting the health of mothers and infants in Luxembourg. Thank you for your cooperation.