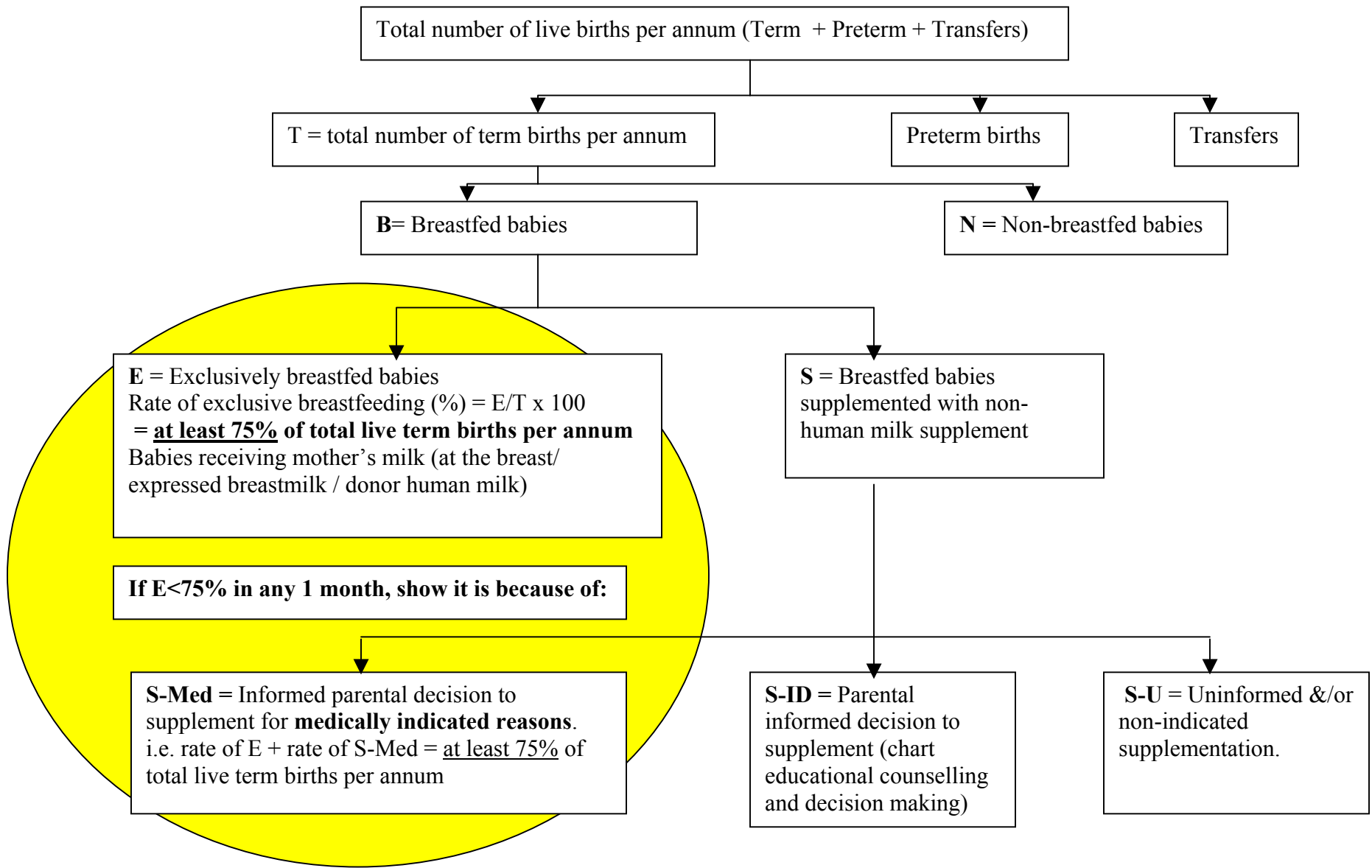


The Breastfeeding Committee for Canada

Calculation Of Exclusive Breastfeeding Statistics: Hospitals & Birthing Centres





BFI in Hospitals and Birthing Centres: Reporting Exclusive Breastfeeding Statistics

Key	Criteria	Calculation
T	Number of healthy term births per annum (37/weeks gestational age or over)	100% of healthy term births
B	Number of babies who receive at least one breastfeed. B = E + S	Rate of breastfeeding initiation (%) = B/T x 100
E	Number of babies who are exclusively breastfed from birth to discharge, including babies who have received (been supplemented with) mothers' expressed breastmilk or donor breastmilk, or medications, or vitamins or mineral drops. Standard for exclusive breastfeeding: Annual population data shows the rate of exclusive breastfeeding from birth to discharge = at least 75% of term births.	Rate of exclusive breastfeeding (%) = E/T x 100
	In any month where the rate of exclusive breastfeeding is less than 75% of term births:	% = (E + S-Med)/ 100 x 100
S	Number of breastfed babies who receive any non-human milk supplement with the exception of medications, or vitamins or mineral drops. Total number of supplemented breastfed babies: S = (S-Med + S-ID + S-U) Sum of rates of S-Med + S-ID + S-U = 100% of all infants supplemented	Rate of supplementation (%) = S/B x 100
S-Med	Medically indicated supplementation: Number of breastfed babies whose parents have made an informed decision to supplement for acceptable medical reasons. [see BCC BFI Outcomes Indicators (updated to reflect UNICEF 2006 criteria) for acceptable medical reasons to supplement (incl. medically indicated replacement feeding eg. HIV).	Rate of medically indicated supplementation (%) = S-Med/S x 100
S-ID	Informed decision to supplement: Number of breastfed babies whose parents have made an informed decision to supplement, even though it is not medically indicated, after educational counselling and considering other appropriate recommendations.	Rate of parental decision to supplement (%) = S-ID/S x 100
S-U	Number of breastfed babies who have been supplemented due to uninformed parental decision or without medically indicated reasons. (This should be zero, ideally.)	Rate of non-indicated supplementation (%) = S-N/S x 100