

Guidance for Vermont Oxford Members on Completing The Leapfrog Group Hospital Survey High-Risk Delivery Measures

The following instructions are provided for **verification purposes only**. Hospitals electing to report on Section 4E High-Risk Deliveries of the 2026 Leapfrog Hospital Survey using the VON National Performance Measure must complete the following steps for Leapfrog to obtain the data from VON:

1. Complete a Data Sharing Authorization Letter and submit it to VON.
2. Select "VON National Performance Measure" in Section 4E question #3 of the Leapfrog Hospital Survey.
3. Provide an accurate VON Transfer Code in the Profile Section of the Leapfrog Hospital Survey.
4. Submit Section 4 Maternity Care of the Leapfrog Hospital Survey.

Please visit <https://public.vtoxford.org/data-and-reports/leapfrog-survey/>

Data will be available for review on the Leapfrog Hospital Survey Hospital Details Page beginning in July. The VON numbers Leapfrog obtains can be found in the Vermont Oxford Network's Nightingale Internet Reporting System by using the following instructions.

If you have a username and password, go to: <https://nightingale.vtoxford.org>

VON Vermont Oxford NETWORK

VON Member Login

Email:

Password:

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Welcome to Vermont Oxford Network

Log in here to access:

- Nightingale Reporting
- QI program modules, toolkits, and other resources
- VON Day Audits
- Data Management
- Tools and resources to accomplish your VON related tasks
- Research, improvement stories, and other educational resources to aid your quality improvement

If you do not have a login click "Register New User." If you are associated with a VON member center, you can request access to member benefits by selecting "Request Member Access to Your Center/Hospital" on the next page. If you are not associated with a VON member center you may still create a login to access publicly available resources.

You can see a list of VON members on the VON public website.

[Visit VON Public Site](#)

Enter your Member Login email address and password in the boxes provided. Then click the **Sign In** button. At the next screen, if you have access to data at more than one center, choose the appropriate center from the drop-down menu.

If you need to reset your password, click on Reset Forgotten or Expired Password.

If you do not have access to Nightingale, click on Register New User. Complete the form and the system will send an e-mail to your center's VON Services Administrator requesting that s/he create an account for you. Please contact your VON Services Administrator with any questions about Nightingale access. If you do not know your center's VON Services Administrator, please contact your Vermont Oxford Network Account Manager.

A Note on Which Year to Report

Vermont Oxford Network collects data on the current calendar year. However, these data are preliminary and not "closed out." Close out of the previous calendar year occurs from January to June, and complete Vermont Oxford Network data for the previous calendar year are posted to Nightingale by August. Leapfrog will update the data three times per Survey Cycle to reflect the following reporting periods.

- **Surveys submitted by June 30, 2026:** 2024 VON data
- **Surveys submitted by August 31, 2026:** 2025 VON data
- **Surveys submitted by November 30, 2026:** 2025 VON data

If you have any questions, please contact your Vermont Oxford Network Account Manager.

A Note on the Leapfrog Scoring

The Leapfrog score is created using the following:

- The number of very-low-birth-weight infants (infants \leq 1500 g) admitted by your center OR your center's Death or Morbidity SMR
- To fully meet the standard a hospital needs:
 - A volume of 50 or more
 - A Death or Morbidity SMR and lower and upper bounds all below 1 (e.g., SMR: 0.6; LB: 0.2; UB: 0.8)

For more information on Leapfrog's Scoring Algorithms, please see the Scoring Algorithms document available for download here: <http://www.leapfroggroup.org/survey-materials/scoring-and-results>.

To Find the Death or Morbidity SMR

Click on the “Risk Adjusted” tab. Click the “Clear All Measures” button.

The screenshot shows the Vermont Oxford Network dashboard. At the top left is the logo. On the right, there is a dropdown for 'Select Center/Group' with '6002' selected. Below the logo is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Dynamic Reports', 'Saved Charts', 'Report Download', 'Data Download', 'NICU by the Numbers', 'Data Definitions', 'Birth Outcomes Tool', and 'Help'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with tabs: 'Comparison Data', 'Time Series', 'Risk Adjusted' (circled in red), and 'Transfer Map'. Below the secondary navigation bar is a 'Current Measures' section with a text input 'Type measure to add to report', an 'Add Measures' button, and a 'Clear All Measures' button (circled in red). To the right of these buttons are several dropdown menus: 'Any Late Infection - Your Center', 'CLD: Infants < 33 Weeks', 'Cystic PVL', 'Death or Morbidity', 'Mortality', 'NEC - Your Center', 'Severe IVH', and 'Severe ROP'. Below the 'Current Measures' section is a row of icons for 'Save Chart', 'Use Color-Blind Palette', 'Export Data to CSV', 'Print Chart', 'Download Chart', 'Download PDF', and 'Share Filters'. Below the icons is the text 'Center 6002, 2025' and 'All VLBW Infants'. On the right side, there is a 'Comparison Group' section with a dropdown for 'Group 1 (Box)' set to 'None' and a dropdown for 'Group 2 (Diamond)'.

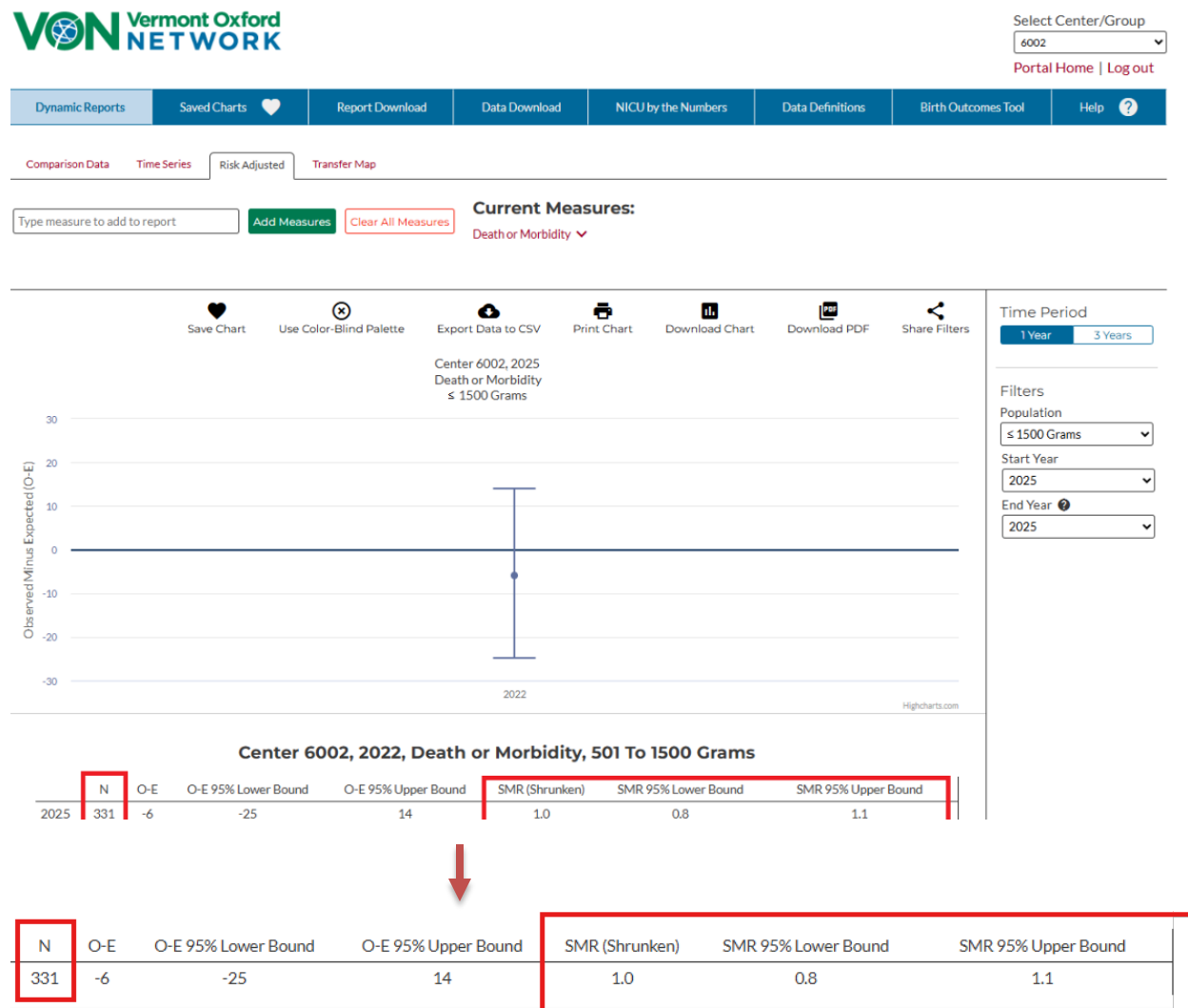
Click on “Death or Morbidity” and choose “View Individually. Make sure the “1 Year” box is blue, and the Population is ≤ 1500 Grams. The “Year” drop-down menu will automatically set to the last year for which your center has closed out data.

The screenshot shows the Vermont Oxford Network dashboard with the 'Risk Adjusted' tab selected. The 'Current Measures' section shows the 'Death or Morbidity' dropdown menu open, with 'View Individually' circled in red. The 'Clear All Measures' button is also visible. Below the 'Current Measures' section is a row of icons for 'Save Chart', 'Use Color-Blind Palette', 'Export Data to CSV', 'Print Chart', 'Download Chart', and 'Download PDF'. Below the icons is the text 'Center 6002, 2025' and '≤1500 Grams'. On the right side, there is a 'Time Period' section with a dropdown for 'Time Period' set to '1 Year' (highlighted in blue) and '3 Years'. Below the 'Time Period' section is a 'Filters' section.

To verify the Death or Morbidity SMR

Leapfrog will obtain the Death or Morbidity SMR (shrunk), SMR 95% Lower, and SMR 95% Upper. Leapfrog will also obtain the N of infants next to the SMR. These numbers are found in the table below the chart.

In the example below, the N is 331. The SMR is 1.0. The SMR 95% Lower is 0.8. The SMR 95% Upper is 1.1.



Note: The SMR 95% Lower is always less than the SMR. The SMR 95% Upper is always more than the SMR.

To Report Very-Low-Birth-Weight Volume

Please follow these instructions from The Leapfrog Group:

Hospitals electing to report on Volume for High-Risk Deliveries instead of using their VON Report, need to select Volume in Section 4E, question #3 and then answer questions #4-5 based on Leapfrog's measure specifications which are provided in the Hard Copy of the Survey (available for download here:

<http://www.leapfroggroup.org/survey-materials/survey-and-cpoe-materials>).