

Information about the Norwegian Intensive Care Registry (NIR)

This is a routine letter for all intensive care patients who are members of the Norwegian Peoples Registry and have been treated in Norwegian hospitals. It is delivered to patients/relatives/next of kin during the hospital stay, or sent by mail afterwards. You do not need to respond to this letter. In case of reservation or further information, see below.

Patient name: _____
Treated at (name of hospital): _____

The Norwegian Intensive Care Registry (NIR) is a national medical quality registry initiated by Norwegian health authorities. NIR uses a set of core data on survival, length of stay, severity of illness scores, main reasons for admittance and the most relevant diagnose codes and ICU treatment modalities. This gives an overview of activity and results in Norwegian intensive care units. NIRs annual report contains only anonymous, aggregated data and is official: www.intensivregister.no.

Data are linked to identification. NIR is a registry focusing on units, not specific patient stays. All reports and other possible use of registry data therefore consist of anonymous data. Identification is only used to ensure that the data registered are correct, and merely used internally, where few people have access. All data are securely stored and handled according to Norwegian law (Personal Health Data Filing System Act). The Norwegian Data Protection Agency has approved NIR and The Ministry of Health and Care services has given permission according to Helsepersonelloven § 29 b.

Information and reservation. NIR only contains the mentioned core data. For further information on the stay/medical course etc, one has to contact the hospital. The patient (or parents of children) can contact NIR if they wish to know which NIR data are stored, or have their data removed from the registry (reservation). If the patient is no longer alive, or if he/she due to a medical condition cannot read/understand this information, a next of kin can act on behalf of the patient. NIR will then need the patient's birth number.

In case of reservation or further information, please contact the hospital where the patient was admitted to the ICU. Data are sent to NIR during the span of a year, often weeks-months after the stay. We therefore recommend that a wish to see which data are recorded or a reservation from registration is communicated to the hospital a few months after the stay.

General information can also be found at www.kvalitetsregistre.no

Regards
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