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RECORD GROUP 443: RECORDS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

• **National Collaborative Perinatal Project, 1959-1974**

The National Collaborative Perinatal Project (NCP), 1959-1974, in the Records of the National Institutes of Health (NIH, Record Group 443) consists of the Master File, a Variables File, and 30 special topic Work Files. The study was conducted by NIH's National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke. A list of the available NCP data files is available in the Center for Electronic Records Title List of Holdings under [Record Group 443](#). NARA's holdings of National Institutes of Health records, in all media, are described in the *Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States* under [Record Group 443](#).

The NCP data constitute an important resource for biomedical and behavioral research in many areas of obstetrics, perinatology, pediatrics, and developmental psychology. The data also provide a prospective base for examining neurological and neurosensory defects and the relationship of pregnancy and perinatal factors on the health of individual children. The major categories of data collected include obstetrical, pediatric, pathological, serological, socioeconomic and family, genetic history, psychological, speech, language, and hearing. The mother was examined during pregnancy, labor, and delivery. The children were given neonatal examinations and follow-up examinations at four, eight, and twelve months, and three, four, seven, and eight years.

Supplemental information was gathered throughout the study, including family linkages between related women participating in the NCP. There are 6,700 data items on the approximately 58,000 study pregnancies. Further information about the history of the study and some of the preliminary results may be found in *The Collaborative Perinatal Study of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke: The Women and Their Pregnancies* (U.S Department of Health Education and Welfare, Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, 1972, DHEW Publication No. (NIH) 73-379).

Documentation is voluminous and is available on 75 microfiche. For more information, please contact Reference Services, Center for Electronic Records, The National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. The Center's reference number is (301) 713-6645 and electronic mail address is cer@nara.gov.

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