

1. Date of onset
2. Chronologic development and duration of symptoms
3. Treatment and response to treatment
4. Change or changes in condition (course of the illness)

If the past medical history is significant to the development of the current illness, a brief summary may be included. Old charts may be used for this information, and they may be included in this section or in the review of the medical history. However, this information need not to be recorded in both places. Pertinent negative findings should be included in this section.

#### **IV. Past Medical History:**

##### **1. Prenatal History:**

The informant should supply information about the pregnancy such as number of previous pregnancies and the health of the mother during pregnancy; these data include any infections, illnesses, vaginal bleeding, or toxemia. If radiographs were taken or medications given, include this information. Record the results of serology tests as well as the blood types of the mother and infant and details of the infant's movements in the uterus.

##### **2. Birth History:**

The student should ascertain the duration of pregnancy, the ease or difficulty of labor, and the duration of labor. Whether the delivery was spontaneous, forceps-assisted, or by caesarean section should be recorded, as well as the type of anesthesia used during delivery. The place and date of birth and the birth weight are also pertinent.

##### **3. Neonatal History:**

Inquire about the condition of the infant after birth, recording such information as difficulty in starting to breathe, and the presence of cyanosis or convulsions. If the infant was jaundiced during the neonatal period, ascertain the date of onset, duration, and need for treatment. The infant's length of stay in the nursery and need for special care, such as an incubator, transfusions, medications, should be included.

Prenatal, birth, and neonatal history should be obtained in details only when pertinent, i.e. infants and all children with developmental disabilities. However, these details may be unnecessary for older children with acquired self-limited illnesses such as acute upper respiratory tract infection or gastroenteritis ... etc.

##### **4. Post natal Medical and Surgical History:**

Include a statement here as to the health of the patient before this illness. The history of each past illness should include the date of onset, symptoms, course, termination, and whether there were complications or sequelae. If the child was hospitalized or had surgery in the past, state the diagnoses for these events. Ascertain the results of surgery. Details of allergy include: the occurrence and type of drug reactions, and the presence of food allergies, hay fever, and asthma. Include all accidents, injuries, and poisonings.