

## **OHCHR questionnaire on Maternal Mortality, Ref. WRGS/LOH/Res33/18**

### **Czech Republic**

1. The provision of health care services in the Czech Republic is regulated by the Act no. 372/2011 Coll. on health services and conditions of their provision (act on health services), by the Act no. 373/2011 Coll. on specific health services and by the Act no. 48/1997 Coll., on public health insurance.
2. Act on health services regulates rights and obligations of patients and health care providers. This includes rights and obligations in relation to the child birth and the postnatal care – “The provider must not refuse to provide care for a patient or to terminate care for a patient, who needs to be given urgent care if it is childbirth, (...)”.
3. N/A
4. Health care in relation to the reproductive health:
  - is accessible for all citizens of the Czech Republic
  - is set through a system of preventive medical examinations,
  - is set through a system of examinations and screenings during pregnancy (including newborn screening),
  - is carried out in accordance with Action plans for implementation of the National strategy Health 2020 adopted by the government,
  - is carried out in accordance with the Concept of family policy adopted by the government.
5. With regard to the issue of reproductive health, there was a register created in the Czech Republic by fusion of existing National register of mothers at childbirth, National register of new-borns, National register of congenital malformations, National register of abortions and National register of assisted reproduction into one system. Data collection into this register is set by Act no. 372/2011 Coll. and is obligatory for all health care establishments providing care to mothers in connection with childbirth or puerperium, IUT or spontaneous abortion, health establishments providing care to new-borns and diagnosing the congenital anomalies or providing care in the field of assisted reproduction. Data are entered in electronic form only via the web application, each case is identified with the unique ID.

The maternal deaths are defined as deaths in relation to pregnancy, birth and puerperium. According to the ICD-10 they are classified under O00-O99. These cases are identified in several particular databases, such as the register of mothers, register of abortions, register of deaths and register of hospitalised persons.

Generally, the register of sexually transmitted diseases is set by the Decree No. 306/2012 Coll. The system covers the entire population of the Czech Republic – i.e. residents as well as foreign nationals with short-term stay if they are provided adequate health care and are properly diagnosed. Statistical units are all reported cases of venereal disease subject to notification, including relapses. The register includes all epidemiological notifications of venereal disease, on deaths with venereal disease, on suspected venereal disease and on identified sources of infection of venereal disease including cases detected in foreigners.

The following diseases are obligatory to be reported by physician who was in contact with patient into the system: congenital syphilis (A50), early syphilis (A51), late syphilis (A52), other and unspecified syphilis (A53), gonococcal infection (A54), chlamydial lymphogranuloma venereum (A55), chancroid-ulcus molle (A57). Other STDs (namely A56, A59-A64) are not reported to the system.

The system is operated as a web application with central database. Each physician who diagnosed STD is obliged to send the notification on STD to the regional consultant. Regional public health stations insert data to the register by means of internet connection via secure https protocol. Each STD case is identified by personal ID, when inserting data into the registry the ID is checked against the complete register since 2003 (in general data in electronic form is available since 1994, but not included in the register). If person is already included in the register, the case is labelled as reinfection. Foreigners are identified by health insurance numbers, name and surname and checked against the register.