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Modification to Item 30, Probiotics:

The definition of Item 30 has been modified to clarify what are to be considered probiotics. This item appears on page 24 of the Manual of Operations Part 2 Version 16.0.

ITEM 30: Probiotics

Answer “**Yes**” if and only if the infant received probiotics containing live bacteria. This may include formulas containing probiotics or probiotic supplements added to formula or breast milk feeds. Yogurt is not considered a probiotic supplement.

Answer “**No**” if the infant did not receive any probiotics.

NOTES:

- Probiotics must contain live microorganisms administered enterally with feedings or as feeding supplements.
- Probiotics are to be distinguished from prebiotics, which are non-digestible carbohydrates meant to encourage proliferation of desirable gut flora.
- Yogurt should not be considered a probiotic for this question.