Appendix 1: Supplementary tables

Table S1. International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems Tenth Revision, Canada (ICD-10-CA) and Canadian Classification of Health Interventions (CCI) codes used for the study^{1,2}

Diagnosis/Procedure	ICD-10-CA / DAD element	CCI	Study use
Single live birth	Z37.0		
Single stillbirth	Z37.1		
Spontaneous vaginal delivery		5.MD.50, 5.MD.51	
Attempted forceps delivery		5.MD.53, 5.MD.60.RC,	
1 1 2		5.MD.60.JZ, 5.MD.60.KC,	
		5.MD.60.RA, 5.MD.60.RE,	
		5.MD.60.JW, 5.MD.60.RG	
Attempted vacuum delivery		5.MD.54, 5.MD.55,	
		5.MD.60.RD, 5.MD.60.KA,	
		5.MD.60.KD, 5.MD.60.RB,	
		5.MD.60.RF, 5.MD.60.JX,	
		5.MD.60.RH, 5.MD.60.C	
Cesarean delivery		5.MD.60.KE, 5.MD.60.JY,	
,		5.MD.60.KB, 5.MD.60.KG,	Inclusion
		5.MD.60.KF, 5.MD.60.AA,	criteria
		5.MD.60.KT	
Labour	O15.1, 42.02,	5.AC.30, 5.LD.31, 5.MD.40,	
	O42.12, O42.09,	5.MD.53, 5.MD.54, 5.MD.55,	
	O42.19, O60.2,	5.MD.60.RC, 5.MD.60.JZ,	
	O62, O63, O64,	5.MD.60.KC, 5.MD.60.RA,	
	O65, O66, O67,	5.MD.60.RE, 5.MD.60.JW,	
	O68, O69, O74,	5.MD.60.RG, 5.MD.60.RD,	
	O75.0, O75.1	5.MD.60.KA, 5.MD.60.KD,	
	O75.2, O75.3,	5.MD.60.RB, 5.MD.60.RF,	
	O75.8, O75.9	5.MD.60.JX, 5.MD.60.RH,	
		5.MD.60.C	
Gestational age (≥37 weeks)	DAD element		
Single stillbirth	Z37.1		Б 1 .
Previous cesarean delivery	O34.20, O66.40,		Exclusion
	075.7		criteria*
Congenital anomaly Obstetric trauma	Q		
Obstetric anal sphincter injury	070.0		
3 rd degree perineal tear	O70.2		
4 th degree perineal tear	O70.3	5 DC 00 IO	
Repair for severe perineal tear		5.PC.80.JQ	
Cervical laceration	0=4.4		Primary
Cervical laceration	O71.3		outcome:
Repair of cervical laceration		5.PC.80.JJ	composite
High vaginal laceration	O71.4		obstetric
Other pelvic trauma			trauma
Obstetric injury to pelvic organs	O71.5		
Obstetric damage to pelvic joints and ligaments	O71.6		
Obstetric hematoma of the pelvis	O71.7		
Other specified obstetric trauma	O71.8		
Other unspecified obstetric trauma	O71.9		
Repair of urethra/bladder		5.PC.80.JR	

Neonatal trauma	7.10		
Intracranial laceration and hemorrhage due to birth	P10		
injury			
Neonatal injury to the central nervous system			
Cerebral edema due to birth injury	P11.0		
Other specified brain damage due to birth injury	P11.1		
Unspecified brain damage due to birth injury	P11.2		
Birth injury to other cranial nerves	P11.4		
Birth injury to the spine and spinal cord	P11.5		
Epicranial subaponeurotic hemorrhage due to birth	P12.2		Primary
injury			outcome:
Neonatal injury to skeleton	7.100		composite
Fracture of the skull due to birth injury	P13.0		neonatal
Birth injury to the femur	P13.2		trauma
Birth injury to other long bones	P13.3		
Neonatal injury to the peripheral nervous system			
Erb's paralysis due to birth injury	P14.0		
Klumpke's paralysis due to birth injury	P14.1		
Other brachial plexus birth injuries	P14.3		
Other neonatal injuries			
Birth injury to liver	P15.0		
Birth injury to spleen	P15.1		
Neonatal seizures	P90		
Neonatal death (before discharge)	DAD element		
Maternal age	DAD element		
Parity	DAD element		
Hypertension in pregnancy	O10, O11, O13-0	016	
Pre-existing diabetes	O24.5, O24.6, O		
Gestational diabetes	O24.8, P07.0	,, = ==	
Fetal distress	020,107.0		
Fetal heart rate anomaly	O68.0		
Meconium in amniotic fluid with or without fetal heart	O68.1, O68.2		
rate anomaly	000.1, 000.2		
Evidence of fetal asphyxia	O68.3		
Umbilical cord complications	O69		
Pelvic station	009		
		5 MD 52 VI 5 MD 52 VII	
Outlet		5.MD.53.KJ, 5.MD.53.KH, 5.MD.54.KJ, 5.MD.54.KH,	Confounder
Low		5.MD.55.KJ, 5.MD.55.KH	
Low		5.MD.53.KL, 5.MD.53.KK,	
		5.MD.54.KL, 5.MD.54.KK,	
Midnalyia		5.MD.55.KL, 5.MD.55.KK	
Midpelvic		5.MD.53.KN, 5.MD.53.KM,	
		5.MD.54.KN, 5.MD.54.KM,	
TT 1 / d		5.MD.55.KN, 5.MD.55.KM	
Unknown/other		5.MD.53.KS, 5.MD.53.KP,	
		5.MD.53.JE, 5.MD.53.JD,	
		5.MD.54.NF, 5.MD.54.NE,	
D	D.F. 1	5.MD.55.KR, 5.MD.55.KQ	
Post-term infant (≥41 completed weeks gestation)	DAD element		
Macrosomic infant (≥4,000 g) OAD. Discharge Abstract Database	P08.0, P08.1		

DAD, Discharge Abstract Database

^{*}Exclusion criterion applies only to analyses of neonatal outcomes (neonatal trauma composite and components).

Table S2. Validity of perinatal diagnoses and procedures in the Discharge Abstract Database, Canadian Institute for Health Information³

Indicator	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)
Obstetric factors		
Cesarean delivery	99.8 (99.5-100)	98.7 (98.3-99.0)
Induction of labour	89.2 (87.7-90.6)	96.9 (96.4-97.4)
Maternal complications		
Postpartum hemorrhage	90.2 (86.2-93.3)	98.2 (97.8-98.5)
Blood transfusion	85.7 (42.1-99.6)	99.8 (99.6-99.9)
Perineal lacerations		
1 st degree	91.7 (89.7-93.3)	97.9 (97.4-98.4)
2 nd degree	97.7 (96.8-98.3)	99.1 (98.7-99.4)
3 rd degree*	97.1 (92.7-99.2)	99.9 (99.8-100)
4 th degree*	94.7 (74.0-99.7)	99.9 (99.8-100)
Chronic hypertension	83.3 (73.6-90.6)	99.9 (99.8-100)
Any gestational hypertensive disorder	87.9 (85.0-90.4)	99.6 (99.4-99.8)
Neonatal complications		
Severe respiratory distress syndrome	100 (95.5-100)	99.6 (99.4-99.8)
Intraventricular hemorrhage	88.9 (51.8-99.7)	100 (99.9-100)
Fracture of clavicle	91.7 (61.5-99.8)	100 (99.3-100)
Bacterial sepsis	67.4 (56.5-77.2)	99.6 (99.4-99.8)

CI: confidence interval

^{*}A 2015/16 Discharge Abstract Database reabstraction study⁴ carried out in hospitals across Canada showed very high agreement for obstetric trauma (3rd- and 4th-degree perineal lacerations or other injury to pelvic organs), specifically 97.0% agreement, 95% CI 95.4%–98.6%).

Table S3. Numbers and rates of attempted and failed forceps deliveries, and numbers and rates of attempted and failed vacuum deliveries and associated rates of maternal trauma and neonatal trauma, Canada (excluding Quebec), April 2013 to March 2019

Type of delivery	Deliv	eries	Materna	l trauma	Births*	Neonata	al trauma
	No.	Rate per	No.	Rate/	-	No.	Rate/
		100†		100			1,000
Attempted forceps	38,500	2.9	9,728	25.3	35,663	341	9.6
Successful	36,894	95.8	9,613	26.1	34,202	319	9.3
Failed (forceps followed by cesarean delivery)	1,606	4.2	115	7.2	1,461	22	15.1
Attempted vacuum	110,987	8.4	14,614	13.2	103,000	987	9.6
Successful	102,196	92.1	12,632	12.4	94,894	795	8.4
Failed	8,791	7.9	1,982	22.5	8,106	192	23.7
Vacuum followed by forceps delivery	6,221	70.8	1,826	29.4	5,736	120	20.9
Vacuum followed by cesarean delivery	2,031	23.1	123	6.1	1,866	55	29.5
Vacuum followed by forceps and cesarean delivery	539	6.1	33	6.1	504	17	33.7
Non-instrumental deliveries‡	1,176,704	88.7	36,097	3.1	1,097,374	2,305	2.10
Total	1,326,191	100.0	60,439	4.6	1,236,037	3,633	2.9

^{*} Births with congenital anomalies excluded.

[†] Attempted forceps/vacuum expressed per 100 deliveries; successful/failed forceps and successful/failed vacuum deliveries expressed per 100 attempted forceps/vacuum deliveries. Subcategories of failed vacuum deliveries expressed per 100 failed vacuum deliveries.

[‡] Non-instrumental deliveries included vaginal deliveries and cesarean deliveries not assisted by either forceps or vacuum.

Table S4. Crude, adjusted and stabilized rates of attempted forceps deliveries and live births, maternal trauma and neonatal trauma by province/territory, Canada (excluding Quebec), 2013-2019

		Attemp	ted force	ps deliveries	N	Maternal 1	trauma		Attemp	oted force	eps births*	N	leonatal t	rauma
Province/ Territory	Deliveries	Crude	3	usted and abilized	Crude		usted and abilized	Live births (No CA)		3	sted and bilized	Crude	3	usted and abilized
Territory		rate/ 100	Rate/	95% CI	rate/ 100	Rate/	95% CI	(NO CA)	rate/ 100	Rate/	95% CI	rate/ 1000	Rate/ 1000	95% CI
BC	193,798	4.1	3.3	3.3-3.3	25.0	24.6	24.3-24.9	182,495	4.1	3.3	3.3-3.3	7.8	9.6	6.51-14.6
AB	239,684	3.7	3.5	3.5-3.5	27.3	26.9	26.7-27.1	217,536	3.7	3.5	3.5-3.5	9.6	9.5	6.70-13.8
SK	71,626	2.4	3.0	2.9-3.1	40.7	41.0†	40.4-41.5	66,396	2.4	3.0	2.9-3.1	10.7	9.3	6.29-14.1
MB	78,947	1.5	2.0	1.9-2.1	32.2	32.5†	31.2-33.6	74,909	1.5	2.1	2.0-2.1	14.0	10.1	6.65-16.1
ON	638,308	2.5	2.7	2.7-2.7	21.7	22.1	21.9-22.2	598,957	2.5	2.6	2.6-2.6	9.8	9.70	6.67-14.4
NB	31,143	2.3	2.4	2.3-2.5	24.3	24.7	22.9-26.5	29,690	2.3	2.4	2.3-2.5	14.8	10.3	6.56-16.3
NS	38,725	3.0	2.7	2.62.8	33.8	32.8†	31.6-33.9	35,476	2.9	2.7	2.6-2.8	10.8	9.6	6.35-14.7
PE	6,197	1.5	1.7	1.5-2.0	38.9	37.2†	30.5-43.9	5,553	1.5	1.7	1.5-2.0	0.0	0.00	_
NL	20,193	2.2	2.1	2.0-2.3	16.4	17.7	15.2-20.3	17,989	2.2	2.2	2.0-2.3	5.1	0.00	_
CT	7,570	0.4	0.8	0.6-1.0	31.3	29.9	21.1-39.8	7,036	0.4	0.8	0.6-1.1	0.0	0.00	_
Total	1,326,191	2.9			25.3			1,236,037	2.9			9.6		

Table S5. Crude and adjusted and stabilized rates of attempted vacuum deliveries and live births, maternal trauma and neonatal trauma by province/territory, Canada (excluding Quebec), 2013-2019

		Attemp	oted vacu	um deliveries	N	laternal tra	auma		Attem	pted vacu	um births*	1	Neonatal [*]	trauma
Province/ Territory	Deliveries	Crude	9	usted and abilized	Crude		sted and bilized	Live births	Crude		sted and bilized	Crude		usted and abilized
Territory		rate/ 100	Rate/	95% CI	rate/ 100	Rate/ 100	95% CI	- (No CA)	rate/ 100	Rate/	95% CI	- rate/ 100	Rate/ 1000	95% CI
BC	193,798	7.2	7.7	7.6-7.7	11.7	12.0	11.8-12.2	182,495	7.2	7.6	7.6-7.7	6.4	7.8	7.2-8.4
AB	239,684	9.6	7.5	7.5-7.6	12.9	13.1	12.9-13.2	217,536	9.5	7.5	7.4-7.5	11.8	10.9	10.6-11.1
SK	71,626	12.5	9.7	9.7-9.8	19.4	20.0†	19.8-20.2	66,396	12.4	9.7	9.7-9.8	7.9	8.7	8.1-9.3
MB	78,947	6.6	8.1	8.0-8.2	15.2	16.1†	15.7-16.5	74,909	6.6	8.0	7.9-8.1	10.0	9.5	8.8-10.2
ON	638,308	8.1	8.9	8.9-8.9	12.6	12.3	12.2-12.3	598,957	8.1	8.9	8.9-8.9	9.7	9.5	9.4-9.6
NB	31,143	9.3	9.9	9.7-10.0	12.7	13.1	12.4-13.7	29,690	9.3	9.8	9.6-9.9	8.3	9.4	8.3-10.5
NS	38,725	7.2	6.7	6.6-6.8	15.0	15.0†	14.3-15.7	35,476	7.2	6.7	6.5-6.8	7.9	9.5	8.4-10.7
PE	6,197	6.3	7.1	6.7-7.5	11.0	11.2	9.2-13.5	5,553	6.1	6.9	6.5-7.3	26.6	11.1	8.7-14.0
NL	20,193	9.8	8.7	8.5-8.8	8.2	8.4	7.7-9.3	17,989	9.7	8.7	8.5-8.9	12.6	11.2	9.6-13.1
CT	7,570	5.8	8.1	7.7-8.6	10.0	10.4	8.6-12.6	7,036	5.8	8.1	7.7-8.6	12.2	9.6	8.1-11.2
Total	1,326,191	8.4			13.3			1,236,037	8.3			9.6		

CI, confidence interval; CA, congenital anomalies

Obstetric trauma included obstetric anal sphincter injury (3rd or 4th degree perineal laceration), cervical laceration, high vaginal laceration, other pelvic trauma, and repair of the urethra or bladder. Neonatal trauma included intracranial hemorrhage, skull fracture, injury to the central nervous system or peripheral nervous system, injury to the long bones, injury to the liver or spleen, seizures and neonatal death.

^{*} Infants with congenital anomalies excluded.

[†] Province/territory with obstetric trauma or neonatal trauma rate significantly higher than the rate in the rest of Canada.

Table S6. Crude and adjusted and stabilized rates of maternal trauma (MT) with forceps and vacuum delivery by tier of obstetric service, British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario, 2013-2019

British Co	lumbia											
Tier of obstetric service	Forceps Deliveries	N MT	Crude MT rate	Adjusted and stabilized MT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI	Vacuum deliveries	N MT	Crude MT rate	Adjusted and stabilized MT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI
1.5	1,174	285	24.28	23.94	20.46	27.95	3,984	489	12.27	11.72	9.88	13.92
2	1,753	462	26.35	25.44	22.21	29.08	3,815	477	12.50	11.64	9.89	13.70
2.5	477	159	33.33	24.86	21.53	28.61	1,080	133	12.31	11.11	9.38	13.19
3	2,134	449	21.04	24.75	21.58	28.32	2,972	311	10.46	11.82	10.04	13.94
4	2,441	636	26.05	25.29	22.10	28.87	2,009	217	10.80	12.19	10.45	14.24
All tiers	7,979	1,991	24.95	-	24.01	25.92	13,860	1,627	11.74	-	11.21	12.29

Alberta												
Tier of obstetric service	Forceps Deliveries	N MT	Crude MT rate	Adjusted and stabilized MT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI	Vacuum deliveries	N MT	Crude MT rate	Adjusted and stabilized MT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI
2	239	62	25.94	24.44	21.15	28.33	4,129	588	14.24	12.29	10.77	14.03
3	3,684	1,022	27.74	27.14	24.26	30.36	5,490	722	13.15	12.80	11.37	14.41
4	5,000	1,352	27.04	27.55	24.55	30.93	13,310	1,634	12.28	13.03	11.65	14.57
All tiers	8,923	2,436	27.30	-	26.38	28.24	22,929	2,944	12.84	-	12.41	13.28

Ontario												
Tier of obstetric service	Forceps Deliveries	N MT	Crude MT rate	Adjusted and stabilized MT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI	Vacuum deliveries	N MT	Crude MT rate	Adjusted and stabilized MT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI
1.5	1,313	246	18.74	21.20	19.09	23.55	5,615	465	8.28	11.67	10.74	12.70
2	2,147	448	20.87	21.81	19.75	24.09	4,463	498	11.16	12.45	11.54	13.43
2.3	3,965	799	20.15	21.40	19.33	23.70	16,176	2,122	13.12	12.40	11.48	13.41
2.7	5,128	1,045	20.38	21.77	19.69	24.05	15,101	1,850	12.25	12.57	11.62	13.61
3	3,661	984	26.88	22.15	20.00	24.52	9,825	1,509	15.36	13.52	12.51	14.62
All tiers	16,214	3,522	21.72	-	21.09	22.36	51,180	6,444	12.59	-	12.30	12.88

Table S7. Crude and adjusted and stabilized rates of neonatal trauma (SBT) with forceps and vacuum births by tier of obstetric service, British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario, 2013-2019

Tier of obstetric service	Forceps Births	N SBT	Crude SBT rate	Adjusted and stabilized SBT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI	Vacuum Births	N SBT	Crude SBT rate	Adjusted and stabilized SBT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI
1.5	1,100	7	6.36	8.15	2.84	38.16	3,787	26	6.87	6.85	3.08	30.19
2	1,687	7	4.15	7.79	3.12	25.87	3,646	25	6.86	6.25	2.96	21.58
2.5	446	6	13.45	9.16	3.42	34.67	1,021	5	4.90	6.89	3.10	27.37
3	1,935	13	6.72	6.97	2.85	20.73	2,705	22	8.13	6.15	2.89	19.53
4	2,310	25	10.82	7.93	3.25	25.25	1,901	6	3.16	6.11	3.00	18.97
All tiers	7,478	58	7.76	-	5.88	10.41	13,060	84	6.43	-	5.12	7.97

Tier of obstetric service	Forceps Births	N SBT	Crude SBT rate	Adjusted and stabilized SBT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI	Vacuum Births	N SBT	Crude SBT rate	Adjusted and stabilized SBT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI
2	222	3	13.51	8.02	3.26	37.79	3,830	26	6.79	11.09	6.56	19.53
3	3,446	24	6.96	9.13	4.26	23.55	5,034	58	11.52	11.91	7.43	19.57
4	4,427	51	11.52	10.11	4.65	26.12	11,718	160	13.65	12.08	7.77	19.18
All tiers	8,095	78	9.64	-	7.61	12.03	20,582	244	11.86	-	10.43	13.39

Ontario Tier of obstetric service	Forceps Births	N SBT	Crude SBT rate	Adjusted and stabilized SBT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI	Vacuum Births	N SBT	Crude SBT rate	Adjusted and stabilized SBT rate	Lower CI	Upper CI
1.5	1,209	5	4.14	9.24	5.19	19.72	5,174	57	11.02	10.68	7.47	15.46
2	1,969	19	9.65	10.17	5.62	23.70	4,112	34	8.27	9.95	7.13	14.08
2.3	3,764	48	12.75	9.66	5.42	23.09	15,439	169	10.95	9.88	7.05	14.02
2.7	4,758	33	6.94	9.72	5.48	19.89	14,276	128	8.97	9.71	6.92	13.77
3	3,427	44	12.84	10.27	5.64	23.67	9,082	77	8.48	8.55	6.04	12.28
All tiers	15,127	149	9.85	-	8.31	11.47	48,083	465	9.67	-	8.80	10.59

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