

# Study identifies risk factors associated with death of extremely low birth weight infants after NICU

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Preterm infants born with extremely low birth weights have an increased risk of death during the first year of life. Although researchers have extensively studied risk factors that could contribute to the death of preterm infants, limited information is available after infants are released from the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). A new study scheduled for publication in *The Journal of Pediatrics*, identifies that African-American background, longer stay in the NICU, and poorer access to healthcare can increase the risk of death after being discharged from the NICU.

Lilia C. De Jesus, MD, from Wayne State University, and colleagues retrospectively examined 5364 preterm (

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