

# NORMAL VALUES FOR PALPEBRAL FISSURE LENGTH, PHILTRAL LENGTH, ORAL INTERCOMMISSURAL DISTANCE, AND STERNAL LENGTH IN NEWBORN INFANTS

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**Abstract:** Palpebral fissure length was measured in 475 neonates, philtral length, oral intercommissural distance and length of the sternum were determined in 252 newborn infants. Mean  $\pm$  2SD values according to gestational age and birth weight are provided in tables and charts. The data promote objectivation of these variants in the newborn infant with special reference to prematurity and intrauterine growth retardation. Since abnormalities of these measures are characteristic of several syndromes, comparison with normal values may facilitate syndrome delineation.

**Key words:** palpebral fissure length, philtral length, oral intercommissural distance, sternal length, normal values, newborn infants, anthropometry.

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