IF child has medical dx, use that. IF not, use SS. IF not, use ICO when concerns are apparent that may not be recognized by testing.

For NICU grad, the rule is usually that dx lasts one year. Also Consider:

1-How acute is the impact of NICU dx?
2-Child’s age in relation to NICU experience. (if he’s closer to 3 months and still having indicators of impact from NICU, probably use dx) If he is closer to 9 mos old and not showing indicators, maybe not use diagnosis.

IF the child is approaching annual, you consider:

1-Acute impact of NICU experience
2-Age in relation to NICU experience