

Birth event—labour onset type, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Labour onset type
Synonymous names:	Onset of labour
METEOR identifier:	749927
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 09/12/2022
Definition:	The manner in which labour started in a birth event, as represented by a code.
Context:	Perinatal
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—labour onset type
Value Domain:	Onset of labour code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Spontaneous
	2	Induced
	3	No labour
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Spontaneous

Labour commences at the onset of regular uterine contractions, which act to produce progressive cervical dilatation, and is distinct from spurious labour or pre-labour rupture of membranes. Record if prostaglandins were given to induce labour and there is no resulting labour until after 24 hours.

CODE 2 Induced

Medical and/or surgical procedure performed for the purpose of stimulating and establishing labour in a woman who has not commenced labour spontaneously.

CODE 3 No labour

Indicates the absence of labour, as in a caesarean section performed before the onset of labour or a failed induction of labour.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the data element [Birth event—labour induction method, code N](#) when the labour onset type is Code 2 (Induced).

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—analgesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#) data element when labour onset type is Code 1 (Spontaneous) or Code 2 (Induced).

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\]](#) data element when labour onset type is Code 1 (Spontaneous) or Code 2 (Induced) and the [Birth event—analgesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#) data element is Code 1 (Yes).

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—main indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\]](#) data element when labour onset type is Code 2 (Induced).

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—additional indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\]](#) data element when labour onset type is Code 2 (Induced), the [Birth event—main indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\]](#) data element is completed, and there is more than one reason for which an induction was performed.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Birth event—labour onset type, code N](#) [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Has been superseded by [Birth event—labour onset type, code N](#) [Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 28/03/2023

See also [Birth event—additional indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\]](#) [Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 24/03/2023

See also [Birth event—analgesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#) [Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

See also [Birth event—analgesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#) [Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

See also [Birth event—labour induction method, code N\[N\]](#) [Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 28/03/2023

See also [Birth event—main indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\]](#) [Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 24/03/2023

See also [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\]](#) [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 08/11/2023

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Perinatal NMDS 2022–23](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

DSS specific information:

How labour commenced is closely associated with method of birth and maternal and neonatal morbidity. Induction rates vary for maternal risk factors and obstetric complications and are important indicators of obstetric intervention.

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05–Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2024](#)

[Health](#), Recorded 21/02/2024

Used as Disaggregation

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 04–Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes for births at or after term, 2024](#)

[Health](#), Recorded 21/02/2024

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2024](#)

[Health](#), Recorded 21/02/2024