

# Pregnancy

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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[Indigenous](#), Standard 02/04/2019  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 20/12/2016  
[WA Health](#), Standard 06/03/2014

**Definition:** The period during which a woman carries a developing fetus, normally in the uterus. Pregnancy lasts for approximately 266 days, from conception until the baby is born, or 280 days from the first day of the last menstrual period. During pregnancy menstruation is absent, there may be a great increase in appetite, and the breasts increase in size; the woman may also experience morning sickness. These and other changes brought about by a hormone (progesterone) produced at first by the ovary and later by the placenta. Definite evidence of pregnancy is provided by various pregnancy tests, by the detection of the heartbeat of the fetus, and by ultrasound.

**Specialisation of:** [Life event](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australia Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** University of Oxford 2002. Concise Colour Medical Dictionary 3rd ed. UK: Oxford University Press

## Relational attributes

**Data Element Concepts  
implementing this Object  
Class:**

[Pregnancy \(current\)—complication](#)

[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

[Pregnancy \(last previous\)—pregnancy completion date](#)

[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

[Pregnancy \(last previous\)—pregnancy outcome](#)

[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

[Pregnancy—abortion commenced date](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014

[Pregnancy—abortion method](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014

[Pregnancy—abortion reason](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014

[Pregnancy—assisted reproductive technology indicator](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 14/11/2023

[Pregnancy—birth plurality](#)

[Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018

[Indigenous](#), Standard 02/04/2019

[Pregnancy—estimated date of confinement](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 14/11/2023

[Pregnancy—estimated duration](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 03/07/2020

[WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014

[Pregnancy—estimated duration of pregnancy at the first antenatal care visit](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 03/07/2020

[Pregnancy—estimated duration of pregnancy at the first antenatal care visit](#)

[Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020

[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

[Pregnancy—first day of the last menstrual period](#)

[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

[Pregnancy—primary reason for termination of pregnancy](#)

[Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[Pregnancy—reason for termination of pregnancy](#)

[Health](#), Standard 07/02/2023