

Number of previous pregnancies

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Property

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

Definition: A count of previous pregnancies.

Context: Perinatal statistics:

The number of previous pregnancies is an important component of the woman's reproductive history. Parity may be a risk factor for adverse maternal and perinatal outcomes.

Property group: [Assessment event](#)

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: In multiple pregnancies with more than one type of outcome, the pregnancies should be recorded in the following order:

- all live births
- stillbirth
- spontaneous abortion
- induced abortion
- ectopic pregnancy

A pregnancy resulting in multiple births should be counted as one pregnancy.

Where the outcome was one stillbirth and one live birth, count as stillbirth.

If a previous pregnancy was a hydatidiform mole, code as spontaneous or induced abortion (or rarely, ectopic pregnancy), depending on the outcome.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Data Element Concepts implementing this property: [Female—number of previous pregnancies](#)

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