

Female (pregnant)—estimated gestational age

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269409
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The estimated gestational age of the baby as determined by clinical assessment.
Context:	Perinatal statistics

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	Female
Definition:	A human being of the sex which conceives and brings forth young.
Specialisation of:	Person/group of persons

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australia Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Macquarie University 2003. The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed. Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty Ltd.

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	Estimated gestational age
Definition:	The period of development of the fetus from the time of fertilisation until birth.
Property group:	Physical characteristics

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National perinatal data development committee
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Data element concept attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The duration of gestation is measured from the first day of the last normal menstrual period. Gestational age is expressed in completed days or completed weeks (e.g. events occurring 280 to 286 completed days after the onset of the last normal menstrual period are considered to have occurred at 40 weeks of gestation).
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The World Health Organization identifies the following categories:

- Pre-term: less than 37 completed weeks (less than 259 days) of gestation
- Term: from 37 completed weeks to less than 42 completed weeks (259 to 293 days) of gestation
- Post-term: 42 completed weeks or more (294 days or more) of gestation.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Product of conception—gestational age](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 14/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 03/07/2020

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

[Female \(pregnant\)—estimated gestational age, total weeks NN](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 02/12/2009

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