

Birth event—birth plurality

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier: 269433
Registration status:

- [Health](#), Superseded 02/08/2017
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 22/10/2018

Definition: The number of babies resulting from a single pregnancy.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Birth event](#)
Definition: The sequence of actions by which a baby and the afterbirth (placenta) are expelled or extracted from the uterus at childbirth. The process usually starts spontaneously about 280 days after conception with onset of labour, but it may be started by artificial means.
Specialisation of: [Life event](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin: University of Oxford 2002. Concise Colour Medical Dictionary 3rd ed. UK: Oxford University Press

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Birth plurality](#)
Definition: An indicator of multiple birth, showing the total number of births resulting from a single pregnancy.
Context: National Minimum Data Set (NMDS) Perinatal:
Multiple pregnancy increases the risk of complications during pregnancy, labour and delivery and is associated with higher risk of perinatal morbidity and mortality.
Data Set Specification (DSS) Health Care Client Identification:
While this piece of information is normally recorded for multiple births against the mother's record, if the health care client volunteers the information, it should be recorded.
Property group: [Birth event](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 14/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
- [Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:

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- [Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2014