# Pregnancy—first day of the last menstrual period

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## Pregnancy—first day of the last menstrual period

## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269509
Registration status:	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	Date of the first day of the mother's last menstrual period (LMP).
Context:	Perinatal statistics

## **Object Class attributes**

#### Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	Pregnancy	
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

## **Property attributes**

#### Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	First day of the last menstrual period
Definition:	Date of the first day of the last menstrual period (LMP).
Property group:	Physical characteristics

#### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

## **Relational attributes**

Data Elements	Pregnancy—first day of the last menstrual period, date DDMMYYYY
implementing this Data	Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Element Concept:	