

Female—number of previous pregnancies (spontaneous abortion), total NN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Previous pregnancies—spontaneous abortion
METEOR identifier:	269934
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The total number of previous pregnancies of a female resulting in spontaneous abortion (less than 20 weeks' gestational age, or less than 400 g birthweight if gestational age is unknown).
Data Element Concept:	Female—number of previous pregnancies

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total				
Data type:	Number				
Format:	N[N]				
Maximum character length:	2				
Supplementary values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>99</td><td>Not stated</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	99	Not stated
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Unit of measure:	Pregnancy				

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>A pregnancy resulting in multiple births should be counted as once pregnancy.</p> <p>In multiple pregnancies with more than one type of outcome, the pregnancies should be recorded in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• all live births• stillbirth• spontaneous abortion• induced abortion• ectopic pregnancy
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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.


Comments: 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.

A previous history of spontaneous abortion identifies the mother as high risk for subsequent pregnancies.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes  [Previous pregnancies, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.1 KB) *No registration status*