

# Female—number of previous pregnancies (ectopic), total N[N]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Previous pregnancies—ectopic
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269936
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 01/03/2005</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The total number of previous pregnancies of a female resulting in ectopic pregnancy.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Female—number of previous pregnancies</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total				
<b>Data type:</b>	Number				
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]				
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2				
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<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Pregnancy				

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** A pregnancy resulting in multiple births should be counted as once pregnancy.

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

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

**Comments:**

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

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

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