

Birth event—labour onset type, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Onset of labour
METEOR identifier:	269942
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 07/03/2014
Definition:	The manner in which labour started in a birth event, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—labour onset type
Value Domain:	Onset of labour code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Spontaneous
	2	Induced
	3	No labour
Supplementary values:	4	Not stated

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Labour commences at the onset of regular uterine contractions, which act to produce progressive cervical dilatation, and is distinct from spurious labour or pre-labour rupture of membranes. If prostaglandins were given to induce labour and there is no resulting labour until after 24 hours, then code the onset of labour as spontaneous. CODE 3 No labour Can only be associated with a caesarean section.
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Data element attributes


Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Birth event—labour onset type, code N Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Is re-engineered from  [Onset of labour, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (14.6 KB)
No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Perinatal NMDS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2006

Implementation start date: 01/07/2006

Implementation end date: 30/06/2007

DSS specific information:

How labour commenced is closely associated with method of birth and maternal and neonatal morbidity. Induction rates vary for maternal risk factors and obstetric complications and are important indicators of obstetric intervention.

[Perinatal NMDS](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

Implementation start date: 01/07/2005

Implementation end date: 30/06/2006

[Perinatal NMDS 2007-2008](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

Implementation start date: 01/07/2007

Implementation end date: 30/06/2008

DSS specific information:

How labour commenced is closely associated with method of birth and maternal and neonatal morbidity. Induction rates vary for maternal risk factors and obstetric complications and are important indicators of obstetric intervention.

[Perinatal NMDS 2008-2010](#)

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

DSS specific information:

How labour commenced is closely associated with method of birth and maternal and neonatal morbidity. Induction rates vary for maternal risk factors and obstetric complications and are important indicators of obstetric intervention.

[Perinatal NMDS 2010-2011](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 21/12/2010

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

DSS specific information:

How labour commenced is closely associated with method of birth and maternal and neonatal morbidity. Induction rates vary for maternal risk factors and obstetric complications and are important indicators of obstetric intervention.

This item is collected for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

DSS specific information:

How labour commenced is closely associated with method of birth and maternal and neonatal morbidity. Induction rates vary for maternal risk factors and obstetric complications and are important indicators of obstetric intervention.

This item is collected for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2012-13](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

DSS specific information:

How labour commenced is closely associated with method of birth and maternal and neonatal morbidity. Induction rates vary for maternal risk factors and obstetric complications and are important indicators of obstetric intervention.

This item is collected for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2013-14](#)

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

How labour commenced is closely associated with method of birth and maternal and neonatal morbidity. Induction rates vary for maternal risk factors and obstetric complications and are important indicators of obstetric intervention.

This item is collected for the mother only.

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Numerator

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05-Induction of labour for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2013\)](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

Used as Disaggregation

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 04-Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes for births at or after term \(2013\)](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06-Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2013\)](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09-General anaesthetic for women giving birth by caesarean section \(2013\)](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 02/02/2016