

Female (pregnant)—estimated gestational age, total weeks NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Gestational age
METEOR identifier:	269965
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 02/12/2009
Definition:	The estimated gestational age of the baby in completed weeks as determined by clinical assessment.
Data Element Concept:	Female (pregnant)—estimated gestational age
Value Domain:	Total weeks NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	String	
Format:	NN	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/unknown
Unit of measure:	Week	

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This is derived from clinical assessment when accurate information on the date of the last menstrual period is not available for this pregnancy. Gestational age is frequently a source of confusion when calculations are based on menstrual dates. For the purposes of calculation of gestational age from the date of the first day of the last normal menstrual period and the date of delivery, it should be borne in mind that the first day is day zero and not day one.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
Origin:	International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10 Revision, WHO, 1992

Relational attributes


**Related metadata
references:**

Has been superseded by [Product of conception—gestational age, completed weeks N\[N\]](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 02/08/2017

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 03/07/2020

Is formed using [Pregnancy—first day of the last menstrual period, date DDMMYYYY](#)
[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

Is re-engineered from  [Gestational age, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (14.7 KB)

No registration status

See also [Pregnancy—estimated duration](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 03/07/2020

[WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014

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[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2006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

The first day of the last menstrual period (LMP) is required to estimate gestational age, which is a key outcome of pregnancy and an important risk factor for neonatal outcomes. Although the date of the LMP may not be known, or may sometimes be erroneous, estimation of gestational age based on clinical assessment may also be inaccurate. Both methods of assessing gestational age are required for analysis of outcomes.

[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

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[Perinatal NMDS 2008-2010](#)

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

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**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Numerator

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P14-Antenatal care, 2010](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 04/04/2011

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2013](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/12/2013

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2014](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2015](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 18/11/2015

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 14-Antenatal care, 2011](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 01/07/2012

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 14-Antenatal care, 2012](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/06/2013

Used as Denominator

[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 07-Normal \(non-instrumental\) vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2013\)](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08-Instrumental vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2013\)](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P14-Antenatal care, 2010](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 04/04/2011

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2013](#)
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/12/2013

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[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

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