

# Onset of labour code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270611
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 07/03/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the manner in which labour started.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Spontaneous
	2	Induced
	3	No labour
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	4	Not stated

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	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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## Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	Has been superseded by <a href="#">Onset of labour code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 12/12/2018
<b>Data elements implementing this value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event—labour onset type, code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 07/03/2014