
Birthweight

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT CONCEPT
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Definition: The first weight of the fetus or baby obtained after birth. The World Health Organization further defines the following categories:
- Extremely low birthweight: less than 1,000 g (up to and including 999 g)
- Very low birthweight: less than 1,500 g (up to and including 1,499 g)
- Low birthweight: less than 2,500 g (up to and including 2,499 g)
Context: Perinatal

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, WHO, 1992
Source Organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee
Comments: The definitions of low, very low, and extremely low birthweight do not constitute mutually exclusive categories. Below the set limits they are all-inclusive and therefore overlap (i.e. low includes very low and extremely low, while very low includes extremely low).

For live births, birthweight should preferably be measured within the first hour of life before significant postnatal weight loss has occurred. While statistical tabulations include 500 g groupings for birthweight, weights should not be recorded in those groupings. The actual weight should be recorded to the degree of accuracy to which it is measured.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM

Birth event

NHIM Physical wellbeing
Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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