Previous pregnancies

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD		
Knowledgebase ID:	000134	Version number:	1
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
		Effective date:	01-MAR-05

Definition: The total number of previous pregnancies, specified as pregnancies resulting in:
- live birth, or
- stillbirth - at least 20 weeks' gestational age or 400 g birthweight, or
- spontaneous abortion (less than 20 weeks' gestational age, or less than 400 g birthweight if gestational age is unknown), or
- induced abortion (termination of pregnancy before 20 weeks' gestation), or
- ectopic pregnancy.

Context: Perinatal statistics:
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. A previous history of stillbirth or spontaneous abortion identifies the mother as high risk for subsequent pregnancies. A previous history of induced abortion may increase the risk of some outcomes in subsequent pregnancies.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric
Representational form:	QUANTITATIVE VALUE
Representation layout:	NN
Minimum Size:	2
Maximum Size:	2
Data Domain:	NOVAL — 2-digit numeric field representing the number of pregnancies for each of the categories above, or 99 for not stated

Guide For Use: A pregnancy resulting in multiple births should be counted as

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

Related metadata: is qualified by Date of completion of last previous pregnancy version 1
is used in conjunction with Outcome of last previous pregnancy version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM	Physical wellbeing

Data Agreements which include this Data Element