
Gestational age

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000060 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
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Definition: The estimated gestational age of the baby in completed weeks as determined by clinical assessment.
Context: Perinatal statistics:
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.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE
Representation layout: NN
Minimum Size: 2
Maximum Size: 2
Data Domain: 99 Not stated/unknown
NOVAL Number representing the number of completed weeks
Guide For Use: This is derived from clinical assessment when accurate information on the date of the LMP 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

