
Birth order

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD	
Knowledgebase ID:	000019	Version number: 2
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT	
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status: SUPERSEDED
		Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition:	The sequential order of each baby of a multiple birth.	
Context:	NMDS - Perinatal: Required to analyse pregnancy outcome according to birth order and identify the individual baby resulting from a multiple birth pregnancy. Multiple births have higher risks of perinatal mortality and morbidity. Multiple birth pregnancies are often associated with obstetric complications, labour and delivery complications, higher rates of neonatal morbidity, low birthweight, and a higher perinatal death rate.	
	DSS - Health care client identification: While this piece of information is normally recorded for multiple births against the mother's record, if the health care client volunteers the information, it should be recorded.	

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric	
Representational form:	CODE	
Representation layout:	N	
Minimum Size:	1	
Maximum Size:	1	
Data Domain:	1	Singleton or first of a multiple birth
	2	Second of a multiple birth
	3	Third of a multiple birth
	4	Fourth of a multiple birth

5	Fifth of a multiple birth
6	Sixth of a multiple birth
8	Other
9	Not stated

Guide For Use: Stillborns are counted such that, if twins were born, the first stillborn and the second live-born, the second twin would be recorded as code 2 Second of a multiple birth (and not code 1 Singleton or first of a multiple birth).

Collection Methods: This data should be collected routinely for persons aged 28 days or less.

Related metadata: is a qualifier of Birth plurality version 1
supersedes previous data element Birth order version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: AS5017 Health Care Client Identification

Source Organisation: (1) National Perinatal Data Development Committee and (2) Standards Australia

Comments: .

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Birth event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Perinatal From 01-Jul-97 to

DSS - Health care client identification From 01-Jan-03 to
