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# Birth order

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000019                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 30-JUN-03  
Definition: The order of each baby of a multiple birth.  
Context: Perinatal statistics: 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.

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## *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  
Related metadata: is a qualifier of Birth plurality version 1  
                          has been superseded by Birth order version 2

## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

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## *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Birth event

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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