

# Pregnancy—abortion reason

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 507846  
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**Definition:** Reason the pregnancy or selected fetus terminated or [abortion](#) initiated.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Pregnancy](#)

**Definition:** The period during which a woman carries a developing fetus, normally in the uterus. Pregnancy lasts for approximately 266 days, from conception until the baby is born, or 280 days from the first day of the last menstrual period. During pregnancy menstruation is absent, there may be a great increase in appetite, and the breasts increase in size; the woman may also experience morning sickness. These and other changes brought about by a hormone (progesterone) produced at first by the ovary and later by the placenta. Definite evidence of pregnancy is provided by various pregnancy tests, by the detection of the heartbeat of the fetus, and by ultrasound.

**Specialisation of:** [Life event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australia Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** University of Oxford 2002. Concise Colour Medical Dictionary 3rd ed. UK: Oxford University Press

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Abortion reason](#)

**Definition:** The reason an [abortion](#) occurred or was initiated.

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:** [Pregnancy—abortion reason, code N](#)

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