

# Female—estimated blood loss indicating primary postpartum haemorrhage

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 524213  
**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 07/03/2014

**Definition:** The estimated amount of blood lost by a female postpartum indicating the occurrence of [primary postpartum haemorrhage](#).

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Female](#)  
**Definition:** A human being of the sex which conceives and brings forth young.  
**Specialisation of:** [Person/group of persons](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australia Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Origin:** Macquarie University 2003. The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed. Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty Ltd.

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Estimated blood loss indicating primary postpartum haemorrhage](#)  
**Definition:** Estimated volume of abnormal or excessive blood loss from the genital tract within the first 24 hours postpartum.  
  
A blood loss of 500 mls is the usual minimum amount for identification of postpartum haemorrhage however a woman's haemodynamic instability is also taken into account, meaning that a smaller blood loss may be significant in a severely compromised woman. A loss of 1,000 mls or more is considered major or severe although definitions of severity vary.

**Property group:** [Birth event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Data element concept attributes

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## Relational attributes

**Data Elements  
implementing this Data  
Element Concept:**

[Female—estimated blood loss indicating primary postpartum haemorrhage, estimated blood loss volume category code N](#)

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