

Continuity of carer

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Glossary Item
Synonymous names:	Continuity of lead carer; Continuity of primary carer; Continuity of designated carer
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Definition: Continuity of carer means care provided, or led, over the full length of the episode of care by the same named carer. Relational continuity is provided by the same named caregiver being involved throughout the period of care even when other caregivers are required. Other caregivers may be involved in the provision of care, either as a backup to the named carer or to collaborate in the provision of care, however the named carer remains to coordinate and provide ongoing care throughout.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Epidemiology and Statistics Unit
Reference documents:	NHMRC (National Health and Medical Research Council) (2010). National Guidance on Collaborative Maternity Care, NHMRC, Canberra.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Designated maternity carer](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015

Metadata items which use this glossary item: [Continuity of carer code N\[N\]](#)

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