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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care</a> , Standard 28/08/2018 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 17/10/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	Heavy menstrual bleeding is excessive menstrual blood loss which interferes with a person's physical, emotional, social and material quality of life, and which can occur alone or in combination with other symptoms (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence 2016).

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
<b>Reference documents:</b>	NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) 2016. Heavy menstrual bleeding: assessment and management. Clinical guideline (update). London: NICE. Viewed 15 June 2016, <a href="https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg44/resources/heavy-menstrual-bleeding-assessment-and-management-975447024325">https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg44/resources/heavy-menstrual-bleeding-assessment-and-management-975447024325</a> .

## Relational attributes

**Metadata items which use  
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[Clinical care standard indicators: heavy menstrual bleeding](#)

[Health](#), Standard 17/10/2018

[Heavy menstrual bleeding clinical care standard indicators: 1-Proportion of patients with heavy menstrual bleeding who are tested for iron deficiency and anaemia](#)

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[Heavy menstrual bleeding clinical care standard indicators: 2-Local arrangements for the provision of consumer-focused information about heavy menstrual bleeding](#)

[Health](#), Standard 17/10/2018

[Heavy menstrual bleeding clinical care standard indicators: 3-Proportion of patients with heavy menstrual bleeding who are offered pharmaceutical treatment](#)

[Health](#), Standard 17/10/2018

[Heavy menstrual bleeding clinical care standard indicators: 4a-Local arrangements for conducting investigative pelvic ultrasound in days 5–10 of the menstrual cycle for patients with heavy menstrual bleeding](#)

[Health](#), Standard 17/10/2018

[Heavy menstrual bleeding clinical care standard indicators: 4b-Proportion of patients with heavy menstrual bleeding who have appropriate reporting following an investigative pelvic ultrasound](#)

[Health](#), Standard 17/10/2018

[Heavy menstrual bleeding clinical care standard indicators: 5a-Local arrangements for referral of patients with heavy menstrual bleeding for insertion of a levonorgestrel-releasing intra-uterine system](#)

[Health](#), Standard 17/10/2018

[Heavy menstrual bleeding clinical care standard indicators: 5b-Proportion of patients with heavy menstrual bleeding who are deemed clinically suitable for a levonorgestrel-releasing intra-uterine system and have one inserted or are referred for insertion](#)

[Health](#), Standard 17/10/2018

[Heavy menstrual bleeding clinical care standard indicators: 6-Local arrangements to ensure timely and appropriate referral to a specialist for patients with heavy menstrual bleeding](#)

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[Heavy menstrual bleeding clinical care standard indicators: 7-Proportion of patients with heavy menstrual bleeding of benign cause\(s\) who are offered uterine-preserving alternatives to hysterectomy](#)

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[Heavy menstrual bleeding clinical care standard indicators: 9-Local arrangements to measure and act upon patient-reported outcomes related to heavy menstrual bleeding](#)

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