

# Birth event—main indication for caesarean section

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 695695  
**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 12/12/2018

**Definition:** The main indication for a caesarean section being performed during a birth event.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Birth event](#)  
**Definition:** The sequence of actions by which a baby and the placenta are expelled or extracted from the female's uterus at childbirth. The process usually starts spontaneously about 280 days after conception with onset of labour, but it may be started by artificial means. The process ends upon complete expulsion or extraction of the baby and the placenta.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  
**Origin:** University of Oxford 2002. Concise Colour Medical Dictionary 3rd edn. UK: Oxford University Press.

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [Main indication for caesarean section](#)  
**Definition:** The primary indication guiding a clinician's decision to perform a caesarean section to birth a baby.  
**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

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section](#)

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