

Indication for induction of labour code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	695708
Registration status:	Health , Standard 12/12/2018
Definition:	A code set representing indications for induction of labour.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Prolonged pregnancy
	2	Prelabour rupture of membranes
	3	Diabetes
	4	Hypertensive disorders
	5	Multiple pregnancy
	6	Chorioamnionitis (includes suspected)
	7	Cholestasis of pregnancy
	8	Antepartum haemorrhage
	9	Maternal age
	10	Body Mass Index (BMI)
	11	Maternal mental health indication
	12	Previous adverse perinatal outcome
	19	Other maternal obstetric or medical indication
	20	Fetal compromise (includes suspected)
	21	Fetal growth restriction (includes suspected)
	22	Fetal macrosomia (includes suspected)
	23	Fetal death
	24	Fetal congenital anomaly
	80	Administrative or geographical indication
	81	Maternal choice in the absence of any obstetric, medical, fetal, administrative or geographical indication
	89	Other indication not elsewhere classified
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Indications are grouped into Maternal indications (Codes 1 to 19); Fetal indications (Codes 20 to 24) and Other indications (Codes 80 to 89).
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CODE 1 Prolonged pregnancy

While prolonged pregnancy is commonly defined as greater than or equal to 41 weeks, in some circumstances a clinician may recommend inducing a female earlier than this. Such circumstances include advanced maternal age which may elevate the degree of risk (Haavaldsen et al. 2010). Other special circumstances may apply (for example, see Yao et al. 2014; Drysdale et al. 2012).

With appropriate professional judgement, these cases may be recorded under Code 1. Where appropriate, consideration should be given to recording Code 9 (maternal age) or other specific indications as additional indications if applicable.

CODE 2 Prelabour rupture of membranes

Can refer to preterm or term spontaneous rupture of membranes, occurs before labour has commenced, and may be prolonged.

CODE 4 Hypertensive disorders

Includes chronic (essential and secondary) and gestational hypertensive disorders, preeclampsia and Haemolysis, Elevated Liver enzymes, Low Platelet count (HELLP) syndrome.

CODE 10 Body Mass Index (BMI)

May refer to low or high BMI.

CODE 11 Maternal mental health indication

Refers to diagnosed mental health disorders and conditions.

CODE 12 Previous adverse perinatal outcome

A female who experienced a previous late unexplained stillbirth or other adverse perinatal outcome may wish to be induced.

CODE 19 Other maternal obstetric or medical indication

Examples include renal disease, abnormal liver function tests, cardiac disease, deep vein thrombosis (DVT), antiphospholipid syndrome, chronic back pain, dental infections, gestational thrombocytopenia, Lupus, hip dysplasia, history of pulmonary embolism.

Diagnosed maternal mental health disorders and conditions should be recorded as Code 11.

CODE 20 Fetal compromise (includes suspected)

Includes oligohydramnios, reduced fetal movement, abnormal antenatal cardiotocography (CTG), abnormal Doppler and other abnormalities of fetal wellbeing (e.g. abnormal profile).

CODE 21 Fetal growth restriction (includes suspected)

It is not always possible to determine fetal growth restriction (also known as intrauterine growth restriction) until the baby is born, therefore this code is for actual or suspected fetal growth restriction.

CODE 80 Administrative or geographical indication

Examples include:

- to fit with a caregiver's schedule
- to ensure availability of theatre, anaesthetist or other staffing reasons
- where a pregnant woman is normally resident in a rural or remote area or an area without adequate birthing facilities and the need for induction is determined by factors such as the available facilities, and the female's ability and availability to travel to a centre with suitable facilities.

CODE 81 Maternal choice in the absence of any obstetric, medical, fetal, administrative or geographical indication

Should be recorded where the female has requested an induction and none of the other permissible values, including Code 89, apply. Should not be recorded in conjunction with additional indications.

It is important to distinguish between a female's choice, and other indications such as maternal medical/obstetric, fetal and administrative/geographical reasons for induction.

Where the clinician determines that a diagnosed maternal mental health indication is the reason for the induction, Code 11 should be recorded. Code 80 should also be considered for relevance as per the examples provided in the Guide for use for that code. These codes may be selected as main or additional indications.

CODE 89 Other indication not elsewhere classified

Includes other fetal indications such as fetal anaemia and isoimmunisation; and other indications not coded under any other permissible value in the list of indications.

Excludes maternal choice, which should be recorded as Code 81.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Drysdale H, Ranasinha S, Kendall A, Knight M & Wallace EM 2012. Ethnicity and the risk of late-pregnancy stillbirth. Medical Journal of Australia 197(5):278–81.

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Yao R, Ananth CV, Park BY, Pereira L, Plante LA, Perinatal Research Consortium 2014. Obesity and the risk of stillbirth: a population-based cohort study. American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology 210(5):457.e1–9.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Indication for induction of labour code N\[N\] Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Data elements implementing this value domain: [Birth event—additional indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\] Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

[Birth event—additional indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\] Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 24/03/2023

[Birth event—main indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\] Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

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