

Birth event—main indication for induction of labour

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept

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Registration status:

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

Definition: The main indication for an induction of labour being performed to commence 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 induction of labour](#)

Definition: The primary indication guiding the clinician's decision to perform an induction to initiate labour in a pregnant female.

Induction of labour is the initiation of labour by artificial means prior to its spontaneous onset. Methods of inducing labour include both pharmacological medication and mechanical or physical approaches.

Induction may be recommended for a number of reasons to protect the health of mother and baby.

Property group: [Birth event](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

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Relational attributes

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