

# Birth event—labour onset type, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Labour onset type
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Onset of labour
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	735046
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 17/12/2021</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The manner in which labour started in a birth event, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	Perinatal
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event—labour onset type</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code								
<b>Data type:</b>	Number								
<b>Format:</b>	N								
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1								
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### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Labour commences at the onset of regular uterine contractions, which act to produce progressive cervical dilatation, and is distinct from spurious labour or pre-labour rupture of membranes.

CODE 1 Spontaneous

Record if prostaglandins were given to induce labour and there is no resulting labour until after 24 hours.

CODE 3 No labour

Can only be associated with a caesarean section.

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the data element [Birth event—labour induction method, code N](#) when the labour onset type is Code 2 (Induced).

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—analgesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#) data element when labour onset type is Code 1 (Spontaneous) or Code 2 (Induced).

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\]](#) data element when labour onset type is Code 1 (Spontaneous) or Code 2 (Induced) and the [Birth event—analgesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#) data element is Code 1 (Yes).

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—main indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\]](#) data element when labour onset type is Code 2 (Induced).

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—additional indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\]](#) data element when labour onset type is Code 2 (Induced), the [Birth event—main indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\]](#) data element is completed, and there is more than one reason for which an induction was performed.

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Birth event—labour onset type, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

Has been superseded by [Birth event—labour onset type, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

See also [Birth event—additional indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\]](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—analgesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—labour induction method, code N\[N\]](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—main indication for induction of labour, code N\[N\]](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\]](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Perinatal NMDS 2021–22](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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***DSS specific information:***

How labour commenced is closely associated with method of birth and maternal and neonatal morbidity. Induction rates vary for maternal risk factors and obstetric complications and are important indicators of obstetric intervention.

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

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