

Onset of labour code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	749929
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 17/12/2021
Definition:	A code set representing the manner in which labour started.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code								
Data type:	Number								
Format:	N								
Maximum character length:	1								
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Spontaneous</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Induced</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>No labour</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Spontaneous	2	Induced	3	No labour
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2	Induced								
3	No labour								
Supplementary values:	9 Not stated/inadequately described								

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Spontaneous

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

CODE 2 Induced

Medical and/or surgical procedure performed for the purpose of stimulating and establishing labour in a woman who has not commenced labour spontaneously.

CODE 3 No labour

Indicates the absence of labour, as in a caesarean section performed before the onset of labour or a failed induction of labour.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Onset of labour code N <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 17/12/2021
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**Data elements
implementing this value
domain:**

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

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- [Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 28/03/2023

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