

# Female (pregnant)—estimated gestational age

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	269409
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The estimated gestational age of the baby as determined by clinical assessment.
Context:	Perinatal statistics

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class:	<a href="#">Female</a>
METEOR identifier:	269000
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 06/02/2012 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 13/03/2015 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 20/12/2016
Definition:	A human being of the sex which conceives and brings forth young.
Specialisation of:	<a href="#">Person/group of persons</a>

### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australia Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Macquarie University 2003. The Macquarie Dictionary 3rd ed. Sydney: The Macquarie Library Pty Ltd.

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Property:	<a href="#">Estimated gestational age</a>
METEOR identifier:	269025
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 02/12/2009
Definition:	The period of development of the fetus from the time of fertilisation until birth.
Property group:	<a href="#">Physical characteristics</a>

### Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National perinatal data development committee
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## Data element concept attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

The duration of gestation is measured from the first day of the last normal menstrual period. Gestational age is expressed in completed days or completed weeks (e.g. events occurring 280 to 286 completed days after the onset of the last normal menstrual period are considered to have occurred at 40 weeks of gestation).

The World Health Organization identifies the following categories:

- Pre-term: less than 37 completed weeks (less than 259 days) of gestation
- Term: from 37 completed weeks to less than 42 completed weeks (259 to 293 days) of gestation
- Post-term: 42 completed weeks or more (294 days or more) of gestation.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [Product of conception—gestational age Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 03/07/2020

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:**

[Female \(pregnant\)—estimated gestational age, total weeks NN Health!](#), Superseded 02/12/2009