

# Birth event—labour onset type, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Onset of labour
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269942
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 07/03/2014
<b>Definition:</b>	The manner in which labour started in a birth event, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event—labour onset type</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Onset of labour code N</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

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Spontaneous
	2	Induced
	3	No labour
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	4	Not stated

## 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.

If prostaglandins were given to induce labour and there is no resulting labour until after 24 hours, then code the onset of labour as spontaneous.

CODE 3 No labour  
Can only be associated with a caesarean section.

## Data element attributes


## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [Birth event—labour onset type, code N Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Is re-engineered from  [Onset of labour, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (14.6 KB)  
*No registration status*

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Perinatal NMDS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2006

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2006

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2007

**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.

[Perinatal NMDS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2005

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2006

[Perinatal NMDS 2007-2008](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2007

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2008

**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.

[Perinatal NMDS 2008-2010](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 02/12/2009

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2008

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2010

**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.

[Perinatal NMDS 2010-2011](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 21/12/2010

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2010

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2011

**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 item is collected for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 07/03/2012

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2012

**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 item is collected for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2012-13](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2013

**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 item is collected for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2013-14](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 07/03/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**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 item is collected for the mother only.

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05-Induction of labour for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2013\)](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

**Used as Disaggregation**

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 04-Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes for births at or after term \(2013\)](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06-Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2013\)](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09-General anaesthetic for women giving birth by caesarean section \(2013\)](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 02/02/2016