

Pregnancy—first day of the last menstrual period, date DDMMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	First day of the last menstrual period
METEOR identifier:	270038
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	Date of the first day of the mother's last menstrual period (LMP).
Data Element Concept:	Pregnancy—first day of the last menstrual period
Value Domain:	Date DDMMYYYY

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

Data element attributes


Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	If the first day is unknown, it is unnecessary to record the month and year (i.e. record 99999999).
Comments:	The first day of the LMP is required to estimate gestational age, which is a key outcome of pregnancy and an important risk factor for neonatal outcomes. Although the date of the LMP may not be known, or may sometimes be erroneous, estimation of gestational age based on clinical assessment may also be inaccurate. Both methods of assessing gestational age are required for analysis of outcomes.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Is used in the formation of Female (pregnant)—estimated gestational age, total weeks NN Health! , Superseded 02/12/2009
	Is re-engineered from  First day of the last menstrual period, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf (13.6 KB) <i>No registration status</i>