
First day of the last menstrual period

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000056 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: Date of the first day of the mother's last menstrual period (LMP).
Context: Perinatal statistics:
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.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: DATE
Representation layout: DDMMYYYY
Minimum Size: 8
Maximum Size: 8
Data Domain: NOVAL Valid dates or 99999999 if first day is unknown
Guide For Use: If the first day is unknown, it is unnecessary to record the month and year (i.e. record 99999999).
Related metadata: is used in the calculation of Gestational age version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:
Source Organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Data Element Links

