Birth plurality

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD		
Knowledgebase ID:	000020	Version number: 1	
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status: SUPERSEDED Effective date: 01-MAR-05	
Definition:	An indicator of multiple birth, showing the total number of births resulting from a single pregnancy.		
Context:	NMDS Perinatal: multiple pregnancy increases the risk of complications during pregnancy, labour and delivery and is associated with higher risk of perinatal morbidity and mortality.		
	NMDS Health care client identification: While this piece of information is normally recorded for multiple births against the mother's record, if the health care client volunteers the information, it should be recorded.		

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric	
Representational form:	CODE	
Representation layout:	Ν	
Minimum Size:	1	
Maximum Size:	1	
Data Domain:	·	Singleton Twins Triplets Quadruplets Quintuplets Sextuplets Other Not stated

Guide For Use: Plurality of a pregnancy is determined by the number of live

births or by the number of fetuses that remain in utero at 20 weeks gestation and that are subsequently born separately. In multiple pregnancies, or if gestational age is unknown, only live births of any birthweight or gestational age, or fetuses weighing 400 g or more, are taken into account in determining plurality. Fetuses aborted before 20 completed weeks or fetuses compressed in the placenta at 20 or more weeks are excluded.

Collection Methods: This data should be collected routinely for persons aged 28 days or less.

Related metadata: is qualified by Birth order version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Source Organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee Comments: . Data Element Links Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIMBirth eventData Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Perinatal	From 01-Jul-97 to
DSS - Health care client identification	From 01-Jan-03 to