

Product of conception—gestational age, completed weeks N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Gestational age
METEOR identifier:	298105
Registration status:	HealthI , Superseded 02/08/2017 Tasmanian Health , Superseded 03/07/2020
Definition:	The age of a product of conception in completed weeks.
Data Element Concept:	Product of conception—gestational age
Value Domain:	Total weeks N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/unknown
Unit of measure:	Completed weeks	

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Gestational age is the best clinical estimate of the duration of pregnancy at a specific point in time, based on the first day of the last menstrual period, ultrasound or physical examination of the baby.

Gestational age is conventionally expressed in completed weeks. When gestational age is calculated using the first day of the last normal menstrual period, the first day is counted as day zero and not day one. Therefore, a 25 week, 5 day fetus is considered a 25 week fetus (25+0, 25+1, 25+2, 25+3, 25+4, 25+5, 25+6).

When ultrasound is used to date a pregnancy, the earliest ultrasound examination should be used and should preferably be between 6 and 10 weeks gestation. Scans performed beyond 24 weeks gestation are unlikely to be reliable in estimating gestational age and should not be used for this purpose.

The duration of gestation can be determined from the first day of the last normal menstrual period, from ultrasound or clinical assessment. For the purpose of the national collection, gestational age is expressed in completed weeks.

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; and
- post-term: 42 completed weeks or more (294 days or more) of gestation.

Comments:

Gestational age is a key marker in pregnancy and an important risk factor for neonatal outcomes.

Source and reference attributes**Submitting organisation:**

National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Origin:

International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10 Revision, WHO, 1992

Reference documents:

American Academy of Pediatrics 2004. Policy statement Age terminology during the perinatal period. Paediatrics 114:5 November.

Relational attributes**Related metadata references:**

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

Has been superseded by [Product of conception—gestational age, completed weeks N\[N\] Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

See also [Pregnancy—estimated duration \(at the first visit for antenatal care\), completed weeks N\[N\] Health!](#), Superseded 02/08/2017

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 22/10/2018

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 03/07/2020

See also [Pregnancy—estimated duration, total weeks N\[N\] WA Health](#), Standard 04/03/2014

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Perinatal NMDS 2010-2011 Health!](#), Superseded 21/12/2010

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

DSS specific information:

The first day of the last menstrual period (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.

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:

The first day of the last menstrual period (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.

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:

The first day of the last menstrual period (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.

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:

The first day of the last menstrual period (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.

This item is collected for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2014-18](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 02/08/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

DSS specific information:

The first day of the last menstrual period (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.

This item is collected for the mother only.

[Tasmanian Perinatal Data Set - 2016](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 30/01/2017

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Tasmanian Perinatal Data Set - 2019](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 23/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation: Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time, 2012-2014](#)

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 07/06/2017

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.6–Proportion of babies born with low birthweight, 2019](#)

Health!, Standard 09/04/2020

[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 04–Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes for births at or after term, 2018](#)

Health!, Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 04–Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes for births at or after term, 2019](#)

Health!, Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 04–Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes for births at or after term, 2020](#)

Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 04—Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes for births at or after term \(2016\)](#)

Health!, Superseded 06/09/2018

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

Health!, Superseded 02/02/2016

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05–Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

Health!, Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05–Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019](#)

Health!, Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05–Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020](#)

Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2016\)](#)

Health!, Superseded 06/09/2018

[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 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

Health!, Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019](#)

Health!, Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020](#)

Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2016\)](#)

Health!, Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Normal \(non-instrumental\) vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2013\)](#)

Health!, Superseded 02/02/2016

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2013\)](#)

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

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

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[Health!](#), Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08—Instrumental vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time \(2016\)](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 10–Small babies among births at or after 40 weeks gestation \(2013\)](#)

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

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 10–Small babies among births at or after 40 weeks gestation, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 10–Small babies among births at or after 40 weeks gestation, 2019](#)

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[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 10—Small babies among births at or after 40 weeks gestation \(2016\)](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 30/01/2018

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth weight, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 01–Proportion of babies born of low birth](#)

[weight, 2022](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 24/09/2021

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2018](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 31/07/2018

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2019](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09-Antenatal care, 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 23/08/2019

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09—Antenatal care, 2016](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 01/07/2016

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 09—Antenatal care, 2017](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 06/06/2017

Used as Denominator

[Australian Health Performance Framework: PI 3.1.6—Proportion of babies born with low birthweight, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 09/04/2020

[Caesarean section at less than 37, 38 and 39 completed weeks gestation without medical or obstetric indication, 2017](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 27/04/2021

[Caesarean section or induction of labour at less than 37, 38 and 39 completed weeks gestation without medical or obstetric indication, 2017](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 27/04/2021

[Early planned caesarean section without medical or obstetric indication, 2015](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[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 04—Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes for births at or after term, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 04—Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes for births at or after term, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 16/09/2020

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 04—Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes for births at or after term, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 04—Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes for births at or after term \(2016\)](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

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

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

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

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[giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

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[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07—Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

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[Health!, Superseded 13/03/2020](#)

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