

# Onset of labour code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	749929
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 17/12/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the manner in which labour started.

## 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>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

### Guide for use:

#### CODE 1 Spontaneous

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. Record if prostaglandins were given to induce labour and there is no resulting labour until after 24 hours.

#### CODE 2 Induced

Medical and/or surgical procedure performed for the purpose of stimulating and establishing labour in a woman who has not commenced labour spontaneously.

#### CODE 3 No labour

Indicates the absence of labour, as in a caesarean section performed before the onset of labour or a failed induction of labour.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Onset of labour code N](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Birth event—labour onset type, code N](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021