

Birth event—analgesia administered, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Analgesia administered for labour
METEOR identifier:	292546
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 07/02/2013
Definition:	Analgesia administered to the woman to relieve pain for labour, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—analgesia administered
Value Domain:	Analgesia administered code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	None
	2	Nitrous oxide
	4	Epidural or caudal
	5	Spinal
	6	Systemic opioids
	7	Combined spinal-epidural
	8	Other
	9	Not stated/inadequately described
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Comments: Note: Code 3, which had a meaning in previous versions of the data standard is no longer used. As is good practice, the code will not be reused.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Systemic opioids include both intra-muscular and intravenous opioids.

Code 7: this code is used when this technique has been selected for the administration of analgesia for labour.

Collection methods: More than one agent or technique can be recorded, except where 1=none applies.
This item is to be recorded for first and second stage labour, but not third stage labour e.g. removal of placenta.

Comments: Analgesia use may influence the duration of labour, may affect the health status of the baby at birth and is an indicator of obstetric intervention.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Birth event—analgesia administered, code N Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005
Has been superseded by [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\] Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018