

# Birth event—complication (postpartum), code (ICD-10-AM 6th edn) ANN{.N[N]}

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Postpartum complication
METEOR identifier:	361067
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 22/12/2009
Definition:	Medical and obstetric complications of the mother occurring during the postnatal period up to the time of separation from care, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Birth event—complication (postpartum)</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Pregnancy/childbirth and puerperium code (ICD-10-AM 6th edn) ANN{.N[N]}</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	<a href="#">International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification 6th edition</a>
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	ANN{.N[N]}
Maximum character length:	6

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Complications and conditions should be coded within the Pregnancy, Childbirth, Puerperium chapter 15 of Volume 1, ICD-10-AM.
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Guide for use:	There is no arbitrary limit on the number of conditions specified.
Comments:	<p>Examples of such conditions include postpartum haemorrhage, retained placenta, puerperal infections, puerperal psychosis, essential hypertension, psychiatric disorders, diabetes mellitus, epilepsy, cardiac disease and chronic renal disease.</p> <p>Complications of the puerperal period may cause maternal morbidity, and occasionally death, and may be an important factor in prolonging the duration of hospitalisation after childbirth.</p>

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
Origin:	International Classification of Diseases - 10th Revision, Australian Modification (6th Edition 2005) National Centre for Classification in Health, Sydney.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Supersedes [Birth event—complication \(postpartum\), code \(ICD-10-AM 5th edn\) ANN{.N\[N\]}](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

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[Health](#), Standard 22/12/2009