

# Type of labour analgesia administered code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	732669
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 17/12/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the type of <a href="#">analgesia</a> administered during labour.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	2	Nitrous oxide
	4	Epidural or caudal block
	5	Spinal block
	6	Systemic opioids
	7	Combined spinal-epidural block
	88	Other analgesia
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>CODE 6 Systemic opioids</p> <p>Includes intramuscular and intravenous opioids.</p> <p>CODE 7 Combined spinal-epidural block</p> <p>The spinal-epidural block combines the benefits of rapid action of a spinal block and the flexibility of an epidural block. An epidural catheter inserted during the technique enables the provision of long-lasting analgesia with the ability to titrate the dose for the desired effect.</p> <p>CODE 88 Other analgesia</p> <p>Includes all non-narcotic oral analgesia and non-pharmacological methods such as hypnosis, acupuncture, massage, relaxation techniques, temperature regulation and aromatherapy.</p>
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Code 1 (None) and Code 3 (Intra-muscular narcotics) have been omitted as these codes are no longer in use. For information about their meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions.</p>

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Type of labour analgesia administered code N\[N\] Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

Has been superseded by [Type of labour analgesia administered code N\[N\] Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 08/11/2023

**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

[Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\] Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021