

# Variations of sex characteristics code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	757694
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health, Qualified 03/06/2022</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing a person's self-reported knowledge of being born with <a href="#">variations of sex characteristics</a> .

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Yes
	2	No
	3	Don't know
	4	Prefer not to say
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	7	Not applicable
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

This Value Domain is based on the ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) Standard for sex, gender, variations of sex characteristics and sexual orientation variables (ABS 2021). The values are defined as:

CODE 1 Yes

Persons who know they were born with a variation of sex characteristics.

CODE 2 No

Persons who know they were not born with a variation of sex characteristics.

CODE 3 Don't know

Persons who do not know if they were born with a variation of sex characteristics.

CODE 4 Prefer not to say

Persons who prefer not to respond on whether or not they were born with a variation of sex characteristics.

CODE 7 Not applicable

This supplementary value is for use in cases where the data is not self-reported. (Note the ABS uses the Code 0 for this value.)

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

This supplementary value is used to code inadequately described responses and non-responses for variations of sex characteristics. It is not to be used on primary collection forms. It is primarily for use in administrative collections when transferring data from data sets where the item is not collected.

**Alternative codes**

The ABS Standard also allows for the following alternative codes, which can be mapped to the codes specified above:

CODE Y Yes

CODE N No

CODE U Don't know

CODE Z Prefer not to answer

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2021. Standard for Sex, Gender, Variations of Sex Characteristics and Sexual Orientation Variables. Canberra: ABS. Viewed 23 Feb 2022, <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/standard-sex-gender-variations-sex-characteristics-and-sexual-orientation-variables/latest-release>

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

See also [Person—sex, code X](#)  
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023  
[Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#), Recorded 09/08/2023  
[Health](#), Standard 15/02/2022  
[Indigenous](#), Standard 27/08/2023  
[Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

[Person—variations of sex characteristics indicator, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Qualified 03/06/2022