Perineal status code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 270610 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/02/2013 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the state of the perineum. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Intact |
|  | 2 | 1st degree laceration/vaginal graze |
|  | 3 | 2nd degree laceration |
|  | 4 | 3rd degree laceration |
|  | 5 | Episiotomy |
|  | 6 | Combined laceration and episiotomy |
|  | 7 | 4th degree laceration |
|  | 8 | Other |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Vaginal tear is included in the same group as 1st degree laceration to be consistent with ICD-10-AM code. Other degrees of laceration are as defined in ICD-10-AM. |
| Comments: | While 4th degree laceration is more severe than an episiotomy it has not been placed in order of clinical significance within the data domain. Instead it has been added to the data domain as a new code rather than modifying the existing order of data domain code values. This is because information gatherers are accustomed to the existing order of the codes. Modifying the existing order may result in miscoding of data. This approach is consistent with established practice in classifications wherein a new data domain identifier (or code number) is assigned to any new value meaning that occurs, rather than assigning this new value domain meaning to an existing data domain identifier. |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Perineal status code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/423657)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/08/2017 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Female (mother)—postpartum perineal status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269939)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/02/2013 |