Perineal status code N

Exported from METEOR (AIHW's Metadata Online Registry)

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	270610
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 07/02/2013
Definition:	A code set representing the state of the perineum.

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

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.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by Perineal status code N[N] Health, Superseded 02/08/2017
Data elements implementing this value domain:	Female (mother)—postpartum perineal status, code N Health, Superseded 07/02/2013