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# Analgesia administered during labour

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000014                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: Agents administered to the mother by injection or inhalation to relieve pain during labour and delivery.  
Context: Perinatal statistics: analgesia use may influence the duration of labour, may affect the health status of the baby at birth and is an indicator of obstetric intervention.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: N  
Minimum Size: 1  
Maximum Size: 1  
Data Domain: 1                      None  
                  2                      Nitrous oxide  
                  3                      Intra-muscular narcotics  
                  4                      Epidural/caudal  
                  5                      Spinal  
                  8                      Other  
                  9                      Not stated

Guide For Use: If more than one agent is used, select the largest number (excluding 8 or 9) as this is how the data will be tabulated.

Related metadata: is used in conjunction with Method of birth version 1

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:  
Source Organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

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## *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Service provision event

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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