
Actual place of birth

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000003 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: The actual place where the birth occurred.
Context: Perinatal statistics:
Used to analyse the risk factors and outcomes by place of birth.
While most deliveries occur within hospitals, an increasing number of births now occur in other settings. It is important to monitor the births occurring outside hospitals and to ascertain whether or not the actual place of delivery was planned.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1
Data Domain: 1 Hospital, excluding birth centre
2 Birth centre, attached to hospital
3 Birth centre, free standing
4 Home
8 Other
9 Not stated

Guide For Use: This is to be recorded for each baby the mother delivers from this pregnancy.
Code 4 Home - should be reserved for those births that occur at the home intended.
Code 8 Other - used when birth occurs at a home other than that intended.
- may also include a community health centre or

be used for babies "born before arrival".

Related metadata: supersedes the data element Actual place of birth version 1
is a qualifier of Intended place of birth version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Comments: The development of a definition of a birth centre is currently under consideration by the Commonwealth in conjunction with the States and Territories.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Other setting

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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