Birth event—anaesthesia administered, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Anaesthesia administered for operative delivery of the baby |
| METEOR identifier: | 292044 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/02/2013 |
| Definition: | Anaesthesia administered to the woman for the operative delivery of the baby, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Birth event—anaesthesia administered](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/296562) |
| Value Domain: | [Anaesthesia administered code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/292532) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | None |
|  | 2 | Local anaesthetic to perineum |
|  | 3 | Pudendal |
|  | 4 | Epidural or caudal |
|  | 5 | Spinal |
|  | 6 | General anaesthetic |
|  | 7 | Combined spinal-epidural |
|  | 8 | Other |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Operative delivery includes caesarean section, forceps and vacuum extraction.  Code 7: this code is used when this technique has been selected for the administration of anaesthesia for the operative delivery of the baby. |
| Collection methods: | More than one agent or technique can be recorded, except where 1=none applies.  This item should only be recorded for the operative delivery of the baby and not third stage labour e.g. removal of placenta. |
| Comments: | Anaesthetic use may influence the duration of labour, may affect the health status of the baby at birth and is an indicator of obstetric intervention. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Birth event—anaesthesia administered, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270015)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2005  Has been superseded by [Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/422383)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018 |