

# Birth event—analgesia administered, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Analgesia administered for labour
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	292546
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 07/02/2013
<b>Definition:</b>	Analgesia administered to the woman to relieve pain for labour, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event—analgesia administered</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Analgesia administered code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	None
	2	Nitrous oxide
	4	Epidural or caudal
	5	Spinal
	6	Systemic opioids
	7	Combined spinal-epidural
	8	Other
	9	Not stated/inadequately described
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

### Guide for use:

**Comments:** Note: Code 3, which had a meaning in previous versions of the data standard is no longer used. As is good practice, the code will not be reused.

## Data element attributes

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**Guide for use:** Systemic opioids include both intra-muscular and intravenous opioids.

Code 7: this code is used when this technique has been selected for the administration of analgesia for labour.

**Collection methods:** More than one agent or technique can be recorded, except where 1=none applies.  
This item is to be recorded for first and second stage labour, but not third stage labour e.g. removal of placenta.

**Comments:** 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.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Birth event—analgesia administered, code N Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2005  
Has been superseded by [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\] Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018