Birth event—analgesia administered, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Analgesia administered for labour |
| METEOR identifier: | 292546 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/02/2013 |
| Definition: | Analgesia administered to the woman to relieve pain for labour, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Birth event—analgesia administered](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/292743) |
| Value Domain: | [Analgesia administered code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/292552) |

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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 | Nitrous oxide |
|  | 4 | Epidural or caudal |
|  | 5 | Spinal |
|  | 6 | Systemic opioids |
|  | 7 | Combined spinal-epidural |
|  | 8 | Other |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| 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. |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270017)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/12/2005  Has been superseded by [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/471867)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018 |