Birth event—birth method, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Method of birth
METEOR identifier:	295349
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 02/08/2017
Definition:	The method of complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception in a birth event, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—birth method
Value Domain:	Method of birth code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Vaginal—non-instrumental
	2	Vaginal—forceps
	4	Caesarean section
	5	Vaginal— vacuum extraction
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	In a vaginal breech with forceps to the after coming head, code as vaginal - forceps. In a vaginal breech that has been manually rotated, code as vaginal - non-instrumental. Where forceps/vacuum extraction are used to assist the extraction of the baby at caesarean section, code as caesarean section. Where a hysterotomy is performed to extract the baby, code as caesarean section.
Collection methods:	In the case of multiple births, method of birth should be recorded for each baby born.
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.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Birth event—delivery method, code N
Health, Superseded 06/09/2006

Has been superseded by Birth event—birth method, code N
Health, Superseded 12/12/2018

See also Birth event—additional indication for caesarean section, code N[N]
Health, Superseded 02/08/2017

See also Birth event—additional indications for caesarean section, code NN
Health, Superseded 13/11/2014

See also Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]
Health, Superseded 02/08/2017

See also Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code NN
Health, Superseded 13/11/2014

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

Perinatal NMDS 2007-2008
Health, Superseded 05/02/2008
Implementation start date: 01/07/2007
Implementation end date: 30/06/2008

Perinatal NMDS 2008-2010
Health, Superseded 02/12/2009
Implementation start date: 01/07/2008
Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

Perinatal NMDS 2010-2011
Health, Superseded 21/12/2010
Implementation start date: 01/07/2010
Implementation end date: 30/06/2011
DSS specific information: In the case of multiple births, this item should be recorded for each baby born.

Perinatal NMDS 2011-12
Health, Superseded 07/03/2012
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2012
DSS specific information: In the case of multiple births, this item should be recorded for each baby born.

Perinatal NMDS 2012-13
Health, Superseded 07/02/2013
Implementation start date: 01/07/2012
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013
DSS specific information: In the case of multiple births, this item should be recorded for each baby born.

Perinatal NMDS 2013-14
Health, Superseded 07/03/2014
Implementation start date: 01/07/2013
Implementation end date: 30/06/2014
DSS specific information:

In the case of multiple births, this item should be recorded for each baby born.

Perinatal NMDS 2014-18
Health, Superseded 02/08/2017
Implementation start date: 01/07/2014
Implementation end date: 30/06/2018
DSS specific information:

In the case of multiple births, this item should be recorded for each baby born.

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation: Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time, 2012-2014
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 07/06/2017

Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation: Third- and fourth-degree perineal tears for all vaginal births, 2012-2014
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 07/06/2017

Caesarean section at less than 37, 38 and 39 completed weeks gestation without medical or obstetric indication, 2017
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021

Caesarean section or induction of labour at less than 37, 38 and 39 completed weeks gestation without medical or obstetric indication, 2017
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021

Early planned caesarean section without medical or obstetric indication, 2015
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 13/12/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 01–Tobacco smoking in pregnancy for all females giving birth, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 01–Tobacco smoking in pregnancy for all females giving birth, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 01-Tobacco smoking in pregnancy for all women giving birth (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 01—Tobacco smoking in pregnancy for all women giving birth (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02-Antenatal care in the first trimester for all women giving birth (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02—Antenatal care in the first trimester for all women giving birth (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2020
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2020
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03-Episiotomy for women giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03—Episiotomy for women giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06-Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07-Normal (non-instrumental) vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07—Normal (non-instrumental) vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2020
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08-Instrumental vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08—Instrumental vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2020
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09-General anaesthetic for women giving

birth by caesarean section (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09—General anaesthetic for women giving birth by caesarean section (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13—Third and fourth degree tears for (a) all vaginal first births and (b) all vaginal births (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2020
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 15–Females having their second birth vaginally whose first birth was by caesarean section, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 15–Females having their second birth vaginally whose first birth was by caesarean section, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 15–Females having their second birth vaginally whose first birth was by caesarean section, 2020
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 15—Women having their second birth vaginally whose first birth was by caesarean section (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

Used as Denominator

Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation: Third- and fourth-degree perineal tears for all vaginal births, 2012-2014
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 07/06/2017

Caesarean section at less than 37, 38 and 39 completed weeks gestation without medical or obstetric indication, 2017
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021

Caesarean section or induction of labour at less than 37, 38 and 39 completed weeks gestation without medical or obstetric indication, 2017
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021

Early planned caesarean section without medical or obstetric indication, 2015
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 13/12/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 01–Tobacco smoking in pregnancy for all females giving birth, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 01–Tobacco smoking in pregnancy for all females giving birth, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 01-Tobacco smoking in pregnancy for all women giving birth (2013)
Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 01—Tobacco smoking in pregnancy for all women giving birth (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02-Antenatal care in the first trimester for all women giving birth (2013)

Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02—Antenatal care in the first trimester for all women giving birth (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2020
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

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Health, Superseded 02/02/2016

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09—General anaesthetic for women giving birth by caesarean section (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13—Third and fourth degree tears for (a) all vaginal first births and (b) all vaginal births (2016)
Health, Superseded 06/09/2018

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2018
Health, Superseded 19/06/2019

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2019
Health, Superseded 16/09/2020

National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2020
Health, Superseded 17/12/2021