

# 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:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 02/08/2017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 attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	<a href="#">Birth event—birth method</a>
METEOR identifier:	337672
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	The method of complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception in a birth event.
Context:	Perinatal statistics
Object class:	<a href="#">Birth event</a>
Property:	<a href="#">Birth method</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	<a href="#">Method of birth code N</a>
METEOR identifier:	295362
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	A code set representing the method of complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Vaginal—non-instrumental
	2	Vaginal—forceps
	4	Caesarean section
	5	Vaginal— vacuum extraction
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	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 women giving birth \(2013\)](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

[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 \(2016\)](#)

[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 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 02—Antenatal care in the first trimester for all women giving birth \(2016\)](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[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 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 \(2016\)](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[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 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 \(2016\)](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[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–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 \(2016\)](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[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 females giving birth for the first time, 2018](#)

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[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[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 women giving birth by caesarean section \(2013\)](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

[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 \(2016\)](#)

[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 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 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](#)

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[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 women giving birth \(2013\)](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 02/02/2016

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 01—Tobacco smoking in pregnancy for all females giving birth, 2018](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

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[Health](#), Superseded 16/09/2020

[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 \(2013\)](#)

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[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02—Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2018](#)

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