

Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Type of anaesthesia administered during a birth event
METEOR identifier:	422383
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	The type of anaesthesia administered to a woman during a birth event, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered
Value Domain:	Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	2	Local anaesthetic to perineum
	3	Pudendal block
	4	Epidural or caudal block
	5	Spinal block
	6	General anaesthesia
	7	Combined spinal-epidural block
	88	Other anaesthesia
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>CODE 7 Combined spinal-epidural block</p> <p>The spinal-epidural block combines the benefits of rapid action of a spinal block and the flexibility of an epidural block. An epidural catheter inserted during the technique enables the provision of long-lasting analgesia with the ability to titrate the dose for the desired effect.</p> <p>CODE 88 Other anaesthesia</p> <p>May include parenteral opioids and nitrous oxide.</p>
Comments:	<p>Note: Code 1, 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.</p>

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This data element should be used in conjunction with the data element: Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no code N to obtain information on if anaesthesia was administered to a woman during the birth event.
Collection methods:	<p>More than one technique can be recorded.</p> <p>Code 7 cannot be recorded if Code 4 and Code 5 have already been recorded.</p> <p>This data element should be recorded for operative or instrumental delivery of the baby only. It does not include the removal of the placenta.</p>
Comments:	Anaesthetic use may affect the health status of the baby and is an indicator of obstetric intervention.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	<p>Supersedes Birth event—anaesthesia administered, code N Health, Superseded 07/02/2013</p> <p>Has been superseded by Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N] Health, Superseded 03/12/2020</p> <p>See also Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no code N Health, Superseded 12/12/2018</p>
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	<p>Perinatal NMDS 2013-14 Health, Superseded 07/03/2014 Implementation start date: 01/07/2013 Implementation end date: 30/06/2014 Conditional obligation:</p> <p>This data element is to only be reported in cases where anaesthesia was administered to the mother during the birth event.</p> <p>Perinatal NMDS 2014-18 Health, Superseded 02/08/2017 Implementation start date: 01/07/2014 Implementation end date: 30/06/2018 Conditional obligation:</p> <p>This data element is to only be reported in cases where anaesthesia was administered to the mother during the birth event.</p> <p>Perinatal NMDS 2018-19 Health, Superseded 12/12/2018 Implementation start date: 01/07/2018 Implementation end date: 30/06/2019 Conditional obligation:</p> <p>This data element is to only be reported in cases where anaesthesia was administered to the mother during the birth event.</p>

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Numerator

[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

Used as Denominator

[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