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

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# 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| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| Definition: | The type of [**anaesthesia**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/504029) administered to a woman during a birth event, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/466092) |
| Value Domain: | [Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/422528) |

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| 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 |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 7   Combined spinal-epidural block  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.  CODE 88   Other anaesthesia  May include parenteral opioids and nitrous oxide. |
| Comments: | 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. |



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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/495466) to obtain information on if anaesthesia was administered to a woman during the birth event. |
| Collection methods: | More than one technique can be recorded.  Code 7 cannot be recorded if Code 4 and Code 5 have already been recorded.  This data element should be recorded for operative or instrumental delivery of the baby only. It does not include the removal of the placenta. |
| 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 |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Birth event—anaesthesia administered, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/292044)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/02/2013  Has been superseded by [Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695530)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020  See also [Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/495466)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Perinatal NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/489433)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 07/03/2014  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2014 ***Conditional obligation:***  This data element is to only be reported in cases where anaesthesia was administered to the mother during the birth event.  [Perinatal NMDS 2014-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/517456)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/08/2017  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2014 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018 ***Conditional obligation:***  This data element is to only be reported in cases where anaesthesia was administered to the mother during the birth event.  [Perinatal NMDS 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/668811)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019 ***Conditional obligation:***  This data element is to only be reported in cases where anaesthesia was administered to the mother during the birth event. |
| Implementation in Indicators: | [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/690168)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 19/06/2019  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/717544)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/09/2020  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728730)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/12/2021  **Used as Numerator** [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09-General anaesthetic for women giving birth by caesarean section (2013)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/557095)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/02/2016  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09—General anaesthetic for women giving birth by caesarean section (2016)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/613190)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/09/2018  **Used as Denominator** [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/690168)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 19/06/2019  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/717544)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/09/2020  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728730)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/12/2021 |