

Type of labour analgesia administered code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	422523
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	A code set representing the type of analgesia administered during labour.

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	2	Nitrous oxide
	4	Epidural or caudal block
	5	Spinal block
	6	Systemic opioids
	7	Combined spinal-epidural block
	88	Other analgesia
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 6 Systemic opioids
	Includes intramuscular and intravenous opioids.
	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 analgesia
	Includes all non-narcotic oral analgesia. Includes non-pharmacological methods such as hypnosis, acupuncture, massage, relaxation techniques, temperature regulation, aromatherapy and other.
Comments:	Note: Code 1 and Code 3, which each had a meaning in previous versions of the data standard, are no longer used. As is good practice, the codes will not be reused.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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Relational attributes

**Related metadata
references:**

Supersedes [Analgesia administered code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

Has been superseded by [Type of labour analgesia administered code N\[N\]](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

**Data elements
implementing this value
domain:**

[Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\]](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018