

Type of labour analgesia administered code N[N]

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- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018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

Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
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

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- [Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

Has been superseded by [Type of labour analgesia administered code N\[N\]](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020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\[N\]](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 14/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018