

Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

METEOR identifier: 422528

Registration status:

- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Definition: A code set representing the type of [anaesthesia](#) administered during a birth event.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: N[N]

Maximum character length: 2

Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
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: 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.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Anaesthesia administered code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

Has been superseded by [Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N\[N\]](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N\[N\]](#)

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- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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