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# 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Registration status: Health, Superseded 12/12/2018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 Number Data type: 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: 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 Supersedes Anaesthesia administered code N

references: Health, Superseded 07/02/2013

Has been superseded by Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N]

Health, Superseded 03/12/2020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]

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