

# Sedation type code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	530111
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 06/09/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing types of sedation.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Conscious sedation
	2	Deep sedation
	3	General anaesthesia
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** CODE 1 Conscious sedation

A drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients are able to respond purposefully to verbal commands or light tactile stimulation. All conscious sedation techniques should provide a margin of safety that is wide enough to render loss of consciousness unlikely.

CODE 2 Deep sedation

A drug-induced state where consciousness is lost and patients only respond to painful stimulation. It is also associated with loss of the ability to maintain a patent airway, inadequate spontaneous ventilation and/or impaired cardiovascular function. Deep levels of sedation may have similar risks to general anaesthesia, and may require an equivalent level of care.

Deep sedation may only be used in the presence of an anaesthetist or other appropriately trained and credentialed medical specialist within his/her scope of practice.

CODE 3 General anaesthesia

A drug-induced state characterised by absence of purposeful response to any stimulus, loss of protective airway reflexes, depression of respiration and disturbance of circulatory reflexes. General anaesthesia is sometimes indicated during diagnostic or interventional medical or surgical procedures and requires the exclusive attention of an anaesthetist, or other appropriately trained and credentialed medical specialist within his/her scope of practice.

## Source and reference attributes

**Reference documents:** ANZCA (Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists) 2010. Guidelines on Sedation and/or Analgesia for Diagnostic and Interventional Medical, Dental or Surgical Procedures. Viewed 23 March 2012,  
[www.anzca.edu.au/resources/professional-documents/documents/professional-standards/pdf-files/PS9-2010.pdf](http://www.anzca.edu.au/resources/professional-documents/documents/professional-standards/pdf-files/PS9-2010.pdf)

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Sedation type code N Health](#), Standard 06/09/2018

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Patient—sedation type, code N Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018