

# Continuity of carer code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	558697
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 14/05/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the extent to which <a href="#">continuity of carer</a> is provided across the continuum of maternity care.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Antenatal period only
	2	Antenatal and intrapartum periods
	3	Antenatal and postpartum periods
	4	Intrapartum and postpartum periods
	5	Whole duration of maternity period - antenatal, intrapartum and postpartum
	6	No continuity of carer
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Antenatal period only**

This code is to be used if the model of care provides continuity of carer throughout the antenatal period only.

A single named designated carer provides the majority of care to each woman for the antenatal period only and not for intrapartum or postpartum care.

**CODE 2 Antenatal and intrapartum periods**

This code is to be used if the model of care provides continuity of carer throughout the antenatal and intrapartum periods only.

A single named designated carer provides the majority of care to each woman for the antenatal period as well as intrapartum care but does not provide postpartum care.

**CODE 3 Antenatal and postpartum periods**

This code is to be used if the model of care provides continuity of carer throughout the antenatal and postpartum periods only.

A single named designated carer provides the majority of care to each woman for the antenatal period and again in the postpartum period but not for intrapartum care. This may be the case for some remote or rural models of care where women are transferred to another hospital for birth but receive their antenatal and postnatal care in their local hospital or community.

**CODE 4 Intrapartum and postpartum periods**

This code is to be used if the model of care provides continuity of carer throughout the intrapartum and postpartum periods only.

A single named designated carer provides the majority of care to each woman for the birth episode (intrapartum period) and postpartum period but does not provide care in the antenatal period.

**CODE 5 Whole duration of maternity period - antenatal, intrapartum and postpartum**

This code is to be used if the model of care provides continuity of carer throughout all stages of the pregnancy, labour and postnatal periods.

A single named designated carer provides the majority of care to each woman for the antenatal, intrapartum and postpartum periods.

**CODE 6 No continuity of carer**

This code is to be used if the model of care does not provide any continuity of carer to women in the model.

There is no named designated carer assigned to each woman and care is provided by any number of different care providers throughout the antenatal, intrapartum and postpartum periods. There may be a small team of maternity care professionals providing care to women within the same philosophical model (continuity of care). However, there is no primary or lead caregiver offering continuity of carer.

**Source and reference attributes**

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Epidemiology and Statistics Unit

**Origin:** National Maternity Data Development Project (AIHW and NPESU), Maternity Care Classification System subproject.

**Relational attributes**

**Data elements  
implementing this value  
domain:**

[Maternity model of care—extent of continuity of carer, code N\[N\]](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015