

Maternity model of care—profession of designated maternity carer, code N[N]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Profession of designated maternity carer
Synonymous names:	Profession of lead maternity carer; Profession of maternity care co-ordinator; Profession of primary carer; Profession of named carer
METEOR identifier:	562404
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 14/05/2015
Definition:	The profession of the maternity health care provider who is acting as the designated maternity carer in a model of care, as represented by a code
Context:	Used in maternal and perinatal healthcare settings.
Data Element Concept:	Maternity model of care—profession of designated maternity carer

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

Permissible values:

Value	Meaning
1	Specialist obstetrician - public
2	Specialist obstetrician - private
3	General practitioner obstetrician
4	Midwife - public
5	Midwife - private
6	Midwife - privately practising
7	General practitioner
8	Maternal - fetal medicine subspecialist
9	Aboriginal health practitioner
10	Aboriginal maternal infant care practitioner
11	Nurse
12	Shared care
13	Multidisciplinary team
14	Perinatal mental health worker
15	Other allied health practitioner
16	Medical specialist other than obstetric
17	Public hospital medical officer
88	Other

Supplementary values:

Value	Meaning
99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Specialist obstetrician - public

This code also includes accredited obstetric registrars.

CODE 3 General practitioner obstetrician

This code is used for General practitioners (GP) who have undertaken additional training in obstetrics and are holders of either the Diploma of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (DRANZCOG) or the DRANZCOG Advanced.

CODE 4 Midwife - public

Use this code for midwives employed in the public health system.

CODE 5 Midwife - private

Use this code for midwives employed in the private health system but not working independently. This may be in a private hospital or in an obstetrician's private practice.

CODE 6 Midwife - privately practising

Use this code for independent privately practising midwives working in either a private or public healthcare setting. This includes privately practising midwives with visiting rights to a public or private hospital to provide intrapartum care, privately practising midwives who provide privately funded homebirth services or private midwives providing antenatal and postnatal care independently.

CODE 9 Aboriginal health practitioner

This code is used for registered Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Workers with a minimum of a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice) or equivalent.

CODE 10 Aboriginal maternal infant care practitioner

This code is used for registered Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Workers with a minimum of a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice), or equivalent who have additional qualifications to specialise in the provision of clinical maternal and infant care.

CODE 12 Shared care

Use this code when the model of care is a formal shared care arrangement with no single designated carer (or the designated carer may change at different times of pregnancy or be shared). This could be between different combinations of maternity care professionals such as GP and midwife, GP and hospital RMO, GP and obstetrician, Midwife and Aboriginal health practitioner etc.

CODE 13 Multidisciplinary team

Use this code when the model of care has no individual designated carer and all care is provided by a team of clinicians that may include obstetricians and midwives.

CODE 15 Other allied health practitioner

This code is used for other registered allied health professionals not covered by other codes. This includes (but is not limited to): physiotherapists, dieticians, chiropractors, educators, occupational therapists, social workers, speech pathologists, pharmacists and podiatrists.

CODE 17 Public hospital medical officer

This code is used for medical practitioners mainly employed in a salaried position in a public hospital who do not have a recognised specialist qualification and who are not in training to gain a recognised specialist qualification. It includes interns, resident medical officers, career medical officers and other non-specialised medical practitioners.

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.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The designated maternity carer may also be known as the maternity care co-ordinator, primary or lead carer or named carer within a model of care and is the profession of the maternity care provider who is responsible for co-ordinating the maternity care for a woman. In some cases this may not be an individual but may be a multi-disciplinary team or a shared care arrangement.

The designated maternity carer may not always be the most senior clinician involved in the care of women in the model. For example, an antenatal clinic in a public hospital may have midwives conducting the antenatal visits and providing the majority of care for the women attending. An obstetrician may be available onsite for the midwives to consult with and refer women to when required and is the more senior clinician supervising the clinic, however the value for this data element would be recorded as CODE 4 Midwife – public.

Restrictions on values:

The following codes are not permissible values for this data element:

- CODE 9 Aboriginal health practitioner
- CODE 14 Perinatal mental health worker
- CODE 15 Other allied health practitioner
- CODE 16 Medical specialist other than obstetric
- CODE 17 Public hospital medical officer

Collection methods:

Data are gathered using the Maternity Care Classification System (MaCCS) data collection questionnaire on an annual basis by every maternity service when classifying their models of care or when a new model of care is introduced.

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Submitting organisation:

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Maternity model of care—profession of collaborative maternity carer, code N\[N\]](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 14/05/2015

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Maternity model of care NBPDSHealth](#), Standard 14/05/2015

DSS specific information:

If the value for this data element is "CODE 12 Shared Care" you must also record the values for the professions involved in the shared care in the data element [Maternity model of care—profession of collaborative maternity carer, code N\[N\]](#).

If the value for this data element is "CODE 13 Multidisciplinary team" you must also record the values for the professions involved in the team in the data element [Maternity model of care—profession of collaborative maternity carer, code N\[N\]](#).