Female (mother)—postpartum perineal status, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Postpartum perineal status
METEOR identifier:	630080
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	The state of the perineum following birth, as represented by a code.
Context:	Perinatal statistics

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Female (mother)—postpartum perineal status
METEOR identifier:	269457
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	The state of the perineum following birth.
Object class:	Female
Property:	Postpartum perineal status

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Perineal status code N[N]
METEOR identifier:	630087
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	A code set representing the state of the perineum.

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Intact
	2	1st degree laceration/vaginal graze
	3	2nd degree laceration
	4	3rd degree laceration
	5	Episiotomy
	7	4th degree laceration
	88	Other perineal laceration, rupture or tear

Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 2   1st degree laceration/vaginal graze

Graze, laceration, rupture or tear of the perineal skin during delivery that may be considered to be slight or that involves one or more of the following structures:

- fourchette
- labia
- periurethral tissue (excluding involvement of urethra)
- vagina, low
- vulva.

CODE 3   2nd degree laceration

Perineal laceration, rupture or tear as in Code 2 occurring during delivery, also involving:

- pelvic floor
- perineal muscles
- vaginal muscles.

Excludes laceration involving the anal sphincter.

CODE 4   3rd degree laceration

Perineal laceration, rupture or tear as in Code 3 occurring during delivery, also involving:

- anal sphincter (excluding involvement of anal or rectal mucosa)
- rectovaginal septum
- sphincter not otherwise specified (NOS).

Excludes laceration involving the anal or rectal mucosa.

CODE 7   4th degree laceration

Perineal laceration, rupture or tear as in Code 4 occurring during delivery, also involving:

- anal mucosa
- rectal mucosa.

CODE 88   Other perineal laceration, rupture or tear

May include haematoma or unspecified perineal tear.

Comments:

If a laceration occurred during delivery and an episiotomy was performed, both the degree of laceration and the episiotomy should be recorded. If an episiotomy is performed, the perineum cannot be intact.

Code 6 has been omitted as it is no longer in use. For information about its meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions.

While 4th degree laceration is more severe than an episiotomy, this category has not been placed in order of clinical significance within the value domain.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Consortium for Classification Development (ACCD) 2017. The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM), Tenth edn. Tabular list of diseases and Alphabetic index of diseases. Sydney: ACCD, University of Sydney.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Multiple entries of permissible values are allowed.

Comments: Perineal laceration (tear) may cause significant maternal morbidity in the postnatal period. Episiotomy is an indicator of management during labour and, to some extent, of obstetric intervention.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Female (mother)—postpartum perineal status, code N[N]](#) [Health](#), Superseded 02/08/2017

Has been superseded by [Female—postpartum perineal status, code N[N]](#) [Health](#), Superseded 20/11/2019

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Perinatal NMDS 2018-19](#) [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
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