Indication for caesarean section code N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 668862 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| Definition: | A code set representing indications for a caesarean section. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Fetal compromise |
|  | 2 | Suspected fetal macrosomia |
|  | 3 | Malpresentation |
|  | 10 | Lack of progress; less than or equal to 3 cm cervical dilatation |
|  | 11 | Lack of progress in the first stage; greater than 3 cm to less than 10 cm cervical dilatation |
|  | 12 | Lack of progress in the second stage |
|  | 13 | Placenta praevia |
|  | 14 | Placental abruption |
|  | 15 | Vasa praevia |
|  | 16 | Antepartum/intrapartum haemorrhage |
|  | 17 | Multiple pregnancy |
|  | 18 | Unsuccessful attempt at assisted delivery |
|  | 19 | Cord prolapse |
|  | 20 | Previous adverse perinatal outcome |
|  | 21 | Previous caesarean section |
|  | 22 | Previous severe perineal trauma |
|  | 23 | Previous shoulder dystocia |
|  | 29 | Other obstetric, medical, surgical, psychological indications |
|  | 30 | Maternal choice in the absence of any obstetric, medical, surgical, psychological indications |
| Supplementary values: | 99 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1   Fetal compromise  This includes suspected or actual fetal compromise and intra uterine growth restriction (IUGR).  CODE 10   Lack of progress; less than or equal to 3 cm cervical dilatation  Lack of progress includes slow or no progress.  This code may be appropriate for cases of unsuccessful induction.  CODE 11   Lack of progress in the first stage; greater than 3 cm to less than 10 cm cervical dilatation  Lack of progress includes slow or no progress.  CODE 12   Lack of progress in the second stage  Lack of progress includes slow or no progress.  CODE 13   Placenta praevia  Record placenta praevia as the indication for caesarean section if there is ultrasound or clinical evidence that the edge of the placenta covers the internal cervical os, or encroaches into the lower segment less than 2 cm away from the internal cervical os.  CODE 14   Placental abruption  Record placental abruption as the indication for caesarean section if there is ultrasound or clinical evidence antenatally of abruption of the placenta prior to onset or during labour.  CODE 15   Vasa praevia  Record vasa praevia as the indication for caesarean section if there is ultrasound or visual evidence of exposed fetal blood vessels running across the fetal membrane below or at the level of the fetal presenting part in the lower segment of the uterus. This code is to be used when the caesarean section is planned or in the case of an emergency when the vessels may have ruptured.  CODE 16   Antepartum/intrapartum haemorrhage  Record antepartum/intrapartum haemorrhage as the indication for caesarean section if there has been any antenatal or intrapartum vaginal bleeding that leads to the immediate delivery of the baby by caesarean section. This code should only be used as a main indication if a more specific cause of the antepartum/intrapartum haemorrhage is not known.  Where there is a vasa praevia and an antepartum/intrapartum haemorrhage, Code 15 is to be recorded as the main indication and Code 16 as an additional indication.  CODE 22   Previous severe perineal trauma  Includes previous 4th degree tears and other perineal damage or injury where a woman is symptomatic and the clinician determines the caesarean section is justified.  CODE 29   Other obstetric, medical, surgical, psychological indications  Where a woman has a psychopathological indication for caesarean section, e.g. extreme fear of natural childbirth, this code should be used. It is not to be used for psychosocial indications which should be coded under Code 30.  CODE 30   Maternal choice in the absence of any obstetric, medical, surgical, psychological indications  This includes psychosocial indications.  Note that Code 30 is not to be used in conjunction with additional indications. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Indication for caesarean section code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/587034)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/08/2017  Has been superseded by [Indication for caesarean section code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695687)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Birth event—additional indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/668865)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/668868)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018 |