Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Main indication for caesarean section |
| METEOR identifier: | 668868 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| Definition: | The main indication for a caesarean section being performed during a birth event, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/680221) |
| Value Domain: | [Indication for caesarean section code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/668862) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| 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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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This data element records the main indication for performing a caesarean section.  Only one code may be selected. |
| Collection methods: | The main indication should be the indication that the clinician attending the birth determines to be the main reason for the caesarean section being performed. It should be determined at the time of delivery and not revised later or selected based on information that becomes available after delivery such as results of tests or procedures. |
| Comments: | Codes 4 to 9 have been omitted as they are no longer in use. For information about their meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/587046)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/08/2017  Has been superseded by [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695698)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020  See also [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  See also [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/672856)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Perinatal NBEDS 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/668809)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019 ***Conditional obligation:***  This data element is to be recorded if the response to [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/672856) is Code 4, Caesarean section. |