

Birth event—birth method, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Method of birth
METEOR identifier:	672856
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	The method of complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception in a birth event, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—birth method
Value Domain:	Method of birth code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Vaginal—non-instrumental
	2	Vaginal—forceps
	4	Caesarean section
	5	Vaginal— vacuum extraction
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

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:	CODE 1 Vaginal—non-instrumental
	This code includes a vaginal breech that has been manually rotated.
	CODE 2 Vaginal—forceps
	This code includes a vaginal breech with forceps to the after coming head.
	CODE 4 Caesarean section
	This code includes where forceps/vacuum extraction are used to assist the extraction of the baby at caesarean section or where a hysterotomy is performed to extract the baby.
Collection methods:	In the case of multiple births, method of birth should be recorded for each baby born.

Comments: Code 3 has been omitted as it is no longer in use. For information about its meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Birth event—birth method, code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 02/08/2017

Has been superseded by [Birth event—birth method, code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—additional indication for caesarean section, code N\[N\]](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

See also [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N\[N\]](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

See also [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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DSS specific information:

In the case of multiple births, this item should be recorded for each baby born.