

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Registration status:	Health , Superseded 12/12/2018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 attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Birth event—birth method
METEOR identifier:	337672
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 12/12/2018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.
Context:	Perinatal statistics
Object class:	Birth event
Property:	Birth method

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Method of birth code N
METEOR identifier:	295362
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 12/12/2018
Definition:	A code set representing the method of complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception.

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

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 For information about its meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions.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[Health](#), Superseded 02/08/2017

Has been superseded by [Birth event—birth method, code N](#)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
Implementation start date: 01/07/2018
Implementation end date: 30/06/2019
DSS specific information:

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