

# Birth event—birth method, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Method of birth
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	695372
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 03/12/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	The method of complete expulsion or extraction of a product of conception from the female in a birth event, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	Perinatal
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event—birth method</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Method of birth code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Vaginal—non-instrumental
	2	Vaginal—forceps
	4	Caesarean section
	5	Vaginal—vacuum extraction
	<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>CODE 1 Vaginal—non-instrumental</p> <p>Includes a vaginal breech that has been manually rotated.</p> <p>CODE 2 Vaginal—forceps</p> <p>Includes a vaginal breech with forceps to the after coming head.</p> <p>CODE 4 Caesarean section</p> <p>Includes the use of forceps/vacuum extraction to assist the extraction of the product of conception in a caesarean section or where a hysterotomy is performed to extract the product of conception.</p> <p>This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the <a href="#">Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a> data element when method of birth is Code 2 (Vaginal—forceps), Code 4 (Caesarean section) or Code 5 (Vaginal—vacuum extraction).</p> <p>This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the <a href="#">Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N[N]</a> data element when method of birth is Code 2 (Vaginal—forceps), Code 4 (Caesarean section) or Code 5 (Vaginal— vacuum extraction) and <a href="#">Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a> is Code 1 (Yes).</p> <p>This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the <a href="#">Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]</a> data element when method of birth is Code 4 (Caesarean section).</p> <p>This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the <a href="#">Birth event—additional indication for caesarean section, code N[N]</a> data element when method of birth is Code 4 (Caesarean section), <a href="#">Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]</a> is completed and there is more than one reason for which a caesarean was performed.</p>
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**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

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	<p>Supersedes <a href="#">Birth event—birth method, code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 12/12/2018</p> <p>Has been superseded by <a href="#">Birth event—birth method, code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 17/12/2021</p> <p>See also <a href="#">Birth event—additional indication for caesarean section, code N[N]</a> <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 03/12/2020</p> <p>See also <a href="#">Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 03/12/2020</p> <p>See also <a href="#">Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N[N]</a> <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 03/12/2020</p> <p>See also <a href="#">Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N[N]</a> <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 03/12/2020</p> <p>See also <a href="#">Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 03/12/2020</p>
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**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Perinatal NMDS 2019–20](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020

**DSS specific information:**

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

[Perinatal NMDS 2020–21](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021

**DSS specific information:**

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

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 15–Females having their second birth vaginally whose first birth was by caesarean section, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 15–Females having their second birth vaginally whose first birth was by caesarean section, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

#### **Used as Denominator**

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/09/2022

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 14/07/2023