

Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Type of anaesthesia administered during a birth event
METEOR identifier:	695530
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 03/12/2020
Definition:	The type of anaesthesia administered to a female during a birth event, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered
Value Domain:	Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	2	Local anaesthetic to perineum
	3	Pudendal block
	4	Epidural or caudal block
	5	Spinal block
	6	General anaesthesia
	7	Combined spinal-epidural block
	88	Other anaesthesia
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>CODE 7 Combined spinal-epidural block</p> <p>The spinal-epidural block combines the benefits of rapid action of a spinal block and the flexibility of an epidural block. An epidural catheter inserted during the technique enables the provision of long-lasting analgesia with the ability to titrate the dose for the desired effect.</p> <p>CODE 88 Other anaesthesia</p> <p>May include parenteral opioids and nitrous oxide.</p>
Comments:	Code 1 has been omitted as it is no longer in use. For information about its meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions.

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	More than one permissible value may be recorded. CODE 7 Combined spinal-epidural block Combined spinal-epidural block should not be recorded if both Code 4 and Code 5 are also recorded.
Comments:	Anaesthetic use may affect the health status of the baby and is an indicator of obstetric intervention.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N] Health , Superseded 12/12/2018 Has been superseded by Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N] Health , Superseded 17/12/2021 See also Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N Health , Superseded 03/12/2020
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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

Conditional obligation:

This data element is only to be recorded if the response to the [Birth event—birth method, code N](#) data element is Code 2 (Vaginal—forceps), Code 4 (Caesarean section) or Code 5 (Vaginal—vacuum extraction) and [Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#) data element is Code 1 (Yes).

DSS specific information:

This data element does not include the removal of the placenta.

This is a multiple response data element and is therefore operationalised for data collection across 7 individual data items (one data item per permissible value, excluding Code 99 (Not stated/inadequately described)).

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Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[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