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| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020 |
| Definition: | The type of [**anaesthesia**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/696175) administered to a female during a birth event, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695523) |
| Value Domain: | [Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695534) |

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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: | 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 |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 7   Combined spinal-epidural block  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.  CODE 88   Other anaesthesia  May include parenteral opioids and nitrous oxide. |
| 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 For information about its meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions. |



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| 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 |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/422383)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  Has been superseded by [Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/732614)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/12/2021  See also [Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695188)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Perinatal NMDS 2019–20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/694988)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695372) 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695188) 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)).  [Perinatal NMDS 2020–21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/716081)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/12/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021 ***Conditional obligation:***  This data element is only to be recorded if the response to the [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695372) 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/695188) 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)). |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator** [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/748047)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/758198)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 14/07/2023 |