

Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	695534
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 03/12/2020
Definition:	A code set representing the type of anaesthesia administered during a birth event.

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:	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
Comments:	May include parenteral opioids and nitrous oxide.
	Code 1 has been omitted as it is no longer in use. For information about its meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N] Health , Superseded 12/12/2018
	Has been superseded by Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N] Health , Superseded 17/12/2021
Data elements implementing this value domain:	Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N] Health , Superseded 03/12/2020