

# Type of labour analgesia administered code N[N]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Value Domain

**METEOR identifier:** 695542

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

**Definition:** A code set representing the type of [analgesia](#) administered during labour.

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Code

**Data type:** Number

**Format:** N[N]

**Maximum character length:** 2

**Permissible values:**

Value	Meaning
2	Nitrous oxide
4	Epidural or caudal block
5	Spinal block
6	Systemic opioids
7	Combined spinal-epidural block
88	Other analgesia

**Supplementary values:** 99 Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** CODE 6 Systemic opioids

Includes intramuscular and intravenous opioids.

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 analgesia

Includes all non-narcotic oral analgesia and non-pharmacological methods such as hypnosis, acupuncture, massage, relaxation techniques, temperature regulation and aromatherapy.

**Comments:** Code 1 and Code 3 have been omitted as these codes are no longer in use. For information about their meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Type of labour analgesia administered code N\[N\]](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Supersedes [Type of labour analgesia administered code N\[N\]](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 14/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\]](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020