

# Product of birth—type of autopsy performed, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Type of autopsy
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	716412
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 17/12/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	The type of post-mortem examination performed on a product of birth, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Product of birth—type of autopsy performed</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Type of autopsy 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	Full autopsy performed
	2	Limited autopsy performed
	3	Autopsy performed but type unknown
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	7	Not applicable
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Full autopsy performed**

Use this code if a full autopsy was performed. A full autopsy is a comprehensive review of the clinical notes and maternal investigations, placental examination, and examination of the product of birth including measurements and clinical photographs, radiological investigations, evisceration, dissection, and organ examination, including detailed histological evaluation.

**CODE 2 Limited autopsy performed**

A limited autopsy is performed when the extent of the examination of the product of birth is limited, compared to a full autopsy. A limited autopsy may include detailed external, placental and umbilical cord examinations and external measurements, skin/needle blood sampling, clinical photography, radiological investigations, external examination and some testing on small samples of tissue internal examination limited to certain areas of the body.

**CODE 3 Autopsy performed but type unknown**

Use this code if an autopsy was performed on the product of birth but the type of autopsy is unknown.

**CODE 7 Not applicable**

Use this code if no autopsy was performed on the product of birth.

**CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described**

Use this code when data is missing or inadequately described. It is not intended for use on primary collection instruments.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element attributes

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Perinatal Mortality NBEDS 2022–23](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 07/02/2023

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2022

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023

**DSS specific information:**

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

[Perinatal Mortality NBEDS 2023–24](#)

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**DSS specific information:**

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

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