

Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator
METEOR identifier:	732743
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 03/12/2020
Definition:	An indicator of whether a female's most recent previous pregnancy that ended with a birth was by caesarean section, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code						
Data type:	Number						
Format:	N						
Maximum character length:	1						
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>No</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Yes	2	No
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data element should be completed for all females who gave birth.

CODE 7 Not applicable

This code should be recorded if the female has not had a previous pregnancy that resulted in a birth at or after 20 weeks gestation or of a baby weighing 400 grams or more.

Comments: Previous caesarean sections are associated with a higher risk of complications, and when recorded with other data elements, provides important information on the risk of obstetric care.

This data element can be used to determine a vaginal birth occurring after a caesarean section delivery (VBAC) when recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—birth method, code N](#) data element

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Birth event—birth method, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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

Has been superseded by [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

- [Health](#), Recorded 25/07/2022

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- [Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Perinatal NMDS 2021–22Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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DSS specific information:

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2022–23Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

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