

Birth event—birth presentation, code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Presentation at birth
METEOR identifier:	749924
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 17/12/2021
Definition:	The presenting part of the fetus at birth, as represented by a code.
Context:	Perinatal. Presentation types other than vertex are associated with higher rates of caesarean section, instrumental birth, perinatal mortality and neonatal morbidity.
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—birth presentation

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code												
Data type:	Number												
Format:	N												
Maximum character length:	1												
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Vertex

Presentation at birth is the upper back part of the fetal head. That is, the occiput is the point of reference.

CODE 2 Breech

Presentation at birth is the buttocks or legs. Includes breech with extended legs, breech with flexed legs, footling and knee presentations.

CODE 3 Face

Presentation at birth is the face. That is, the fetal head is hyper-extended and the area of the head below the root of the nose and the orbital ridge is at the cervical os.

CODE 4 Brow

Presentation at birth is the brow. That is, the fetal head is partly extended and the area of the head between the anterior fontanelle and the root of the nose is at the cervical os.

CODE 8 Other

Includes compound presentations (where an extremity prolapses simultaneously alongside the presenting part) and all other malpresentations, for example, cord, shoulder or hand.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Birth event—birth method, code N](#)

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

Supersedes [Birth event—birth presentation, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

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

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DSS specific information:

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

[Perinatal NMDS 2023–24Health](#), Recorded 26/07/2022

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