Type of labour analgesia administered code N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 749939 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 17/12/2021  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 08/11/2023 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the type of [**analgesia**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/733102) administered during labour. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 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 |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 2 Nitrous oxide  Nitrous oxide was administered to a female for pain relief during the labour and/or birth. Nitrous oxide is a gas providing light anaesthesia delivered in various concentrations with oxygen.  CODE 4 Epidural or caudal block  An epidural or caudal block was administered to a female for pain relief during the labour and/or birth.  An epidural block is an injection of a local anaesthetic into the epidural space of the spinal column.  A caudal block is an injection of a local anaesthetic agent into the caudal portion of the spinal canal through the sacrum.  CODE 5 Spinal block  A spinal block was administered to a female for pain relief during the labour and/or birth. A spinal block is an injection of an analgesic drug or anaesthetic drug into the subarachnoid space of the spinal cord, also called the Subarachnoid Block Anaesthesia.  CODE 6   Systemic opioids  Systemic opioids were administered to a female for pain relief during the labour and/or birth. This includes intramuscular and intravenous opioids.  CODE 7   Combined spinal-epidural block  A combined spinal-epidural block was administered to a female for pain relief during the labour and/or birth. A combined spinal-epidural block is a needle-through-needle injection of an analgesic drug or anaesthetic drug into both the epidural space and the subarachnoid space of the spinal column. 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  Other analgesia (not indicated above) was administered to a female for pain relief during the labour and/or birth. This includes all non-narcotic oral analgesia and non-pharmacological methods such as hypnosis, acupuncture, massage, relaxation techniques, temperature regulation and aromatherapy. |
| Comments: | Code 1 (None) and Code 3 (Intra-muscular narcotics) have been omitted as these codes are no longer in use. For information about their meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Type of labour analgesia administered code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/732669)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/12/2021 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749937)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 17/12/2021  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 08/11/2023 |