

# Perineal status code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <b>Metadata item type:</b>  | Value Domain                                       |
| <b>METEOR identifier:</b>   | 749944   |
| <b>Registration status:</b> | <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 09/09/2022     |
| <b>Definition:</b>          | A code set representing the state of the perineum. |

## Representational attributes

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| <b>Representation class:</b>     | Code   |
| <b>Data type:</b>                | Number |
| <b>Format:</b>                   | N[N]   |
| <b>Maximum character length:</b> | 2      |

|                              | Value | Meaning                                    |
|------------------------------|-------|--|
| <b>Permissible values:</b>   | 1     | Intact                                     |
|                              | 2     | 1st degree laceration/vaginal graze        |
|                              | 3     | 2nd degree laceration                      |
|                              | 4     | 3rd degree laceration                      |
|                              | 5     | Episiotomy                                 |
|                              | 7     | 4th degree laceration                      |
|                              | 88    | Other perineal laceration, rupture or tear |
| <b>Supplementary values:</b> | 99    | Not stated/inadequately described          |

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Intact**

Should not be recorded in conjunction with any other code.

**CODE 2 1st degree laceration/vaginal graze**

Graze, laceration, rupture or tear of the perineal skin during birth that may be considered to be slight or that involves one or more of the following structures:

- fourchette
- labia
- periurethral tissue (excluding involvement of urethra)
- vagina, low
- skin
- vulva.

Should not be recorded in conjunction with any other code except for Code 5 (Episiotomy).

**CODE 3 2nd degree laceration**

Perineal laceration, rupture or tear as in Code 2 occurring during birth, also involving:

- pelvic floor
- perineal muscles
- vaginal muscles.

Excludes laceration involving the anal sphincter. Should not be recorded in conjunction with any other code except for Code 5 (Episiotomy).

**CODE 4 3rd degree laceration**

Perineal laceration, rupture or tear as in Code 3 occurring during birth, also involving:

- anal sphincter (excluding involvement of anal or rectal mucosa)
- rectovaginal septum
- sphincter not otherwise specified (NOS).

Excludes laceration involving the anal or rectal mucosa. Should not be recorded in conjunction with any other code except for Code 5 (Episiotomy).

**CODE 5 Episiotomy**

Surgical incision into the perineum and vagina to assist birth.

**CODE 7 4th degree laceration**

Perineal laceration, rupture or tear as in Code 4 occurring during birth, also involving:

- anal mucosa
- rectal mucosa.

Should not be recorded in conjunction with any other code except for Code 5 (Episiotomy).

**CODE 88 Other perineal laceration, rupture or tear**

May include haematoma or unspecified perineal tear. Should not be recorded in conjunction with any other code except for Code 5 (Episiotomy).

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| <b>Collection Methods:</b> | <p>Jurisdictions that record perinatal data using the ICD-10-AM should apply the following codes in relation to degree of laceration:</p> <p>'Code 2 1st degree laceration/vaginal graze' is equivalent to O70.0 in the ICD-10-AM.</p> <p>'Code 3 2nd degree laceration' is equivalent to O70.1 in the ICD-10-AM.</p> <p>'Code 4 3rd degree laceration' is equivalent to O70.2 in the ICD-10-AM.</p> <p>'Code 7 4th degree laceration' is equivalent to O70.3 in the ICD-10-AM.</p> <p>'Code 88 Other perineal laceration, rupture or tear' is equivalent to O70.9 in the ICD-10-AM.</p>  |
| <b>Comments:</b>           | <p>Where multiple perinatal lacerations, ruptures or tears of different degrees are documented, assign the code for the highest (most severe) degree only.</p> <p>If a laceration occurred during birth and an episiotomy was performed, both the degree of laceration and the episiotomy should be recorded. If an episiotomy is performed, the perineum cannot be intact.</p> <p>While 4th degree laceration is more severe than an episiotomy, this category has not been placed in order of clinical significance within the value domain.</p> <p>Code 6 (Combined laceration and episiotomy) has been omitted as it is no longer in use. For information about its meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions.</p> |

## Source and reference attributes

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| <b>Submitting organisation:</b> | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare  |
| <b>Origin:</b>                  | ACCD (Australian Consortium for Classification Development) 2019. The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM), 11th edn. Tabular list and Alphabetic index. Darlinghurst, NSW: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority. |

## Relational attributes

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| <b>Related metadata references:</b>                  | <p>Supersedes <a href="#">Perineal status code N[N] Health</a>, Superseded 17/12/2021</p> <p>Has been superseded by <a href="#">Perineal status code N[N] Health</a>, Standard 09/09/2022</p> <p><a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Standard 08/11/2023</p> |
| <b>Data elements implementing this value domain:</b> | <p><a href="#">Female—postpartum perineal status, code N[N] Health</a>, Superseded 09/09/2022</p>  |