

# Type of sentinel event code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	758559
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 20/12/2022
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing types of <a href="#">sentinel events</a> .

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO (blood group) incompatibility
	2	Infant discharge to the wrong family
	3	Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage
	4	Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth or puerperium
	5	Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs
	6	Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function
	7	Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedure
	8	Suicide of patient in an inpatient unit

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Comments:</b>	Sentinel events definitions can vary across jurisdictions.
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Reference documents:</b>	<p>ACSQHC (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care) 2018. Australian sentinel events list (version 2) - Development and specifications. Canberra: ACSQHC. Viewed 22 June 2022, <a href="https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/australian-sentinel-events-list-version-2-development-and-specifications">https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/australian-sentinel-events-list-version-2-development-and-specifications</a></p> <p>PC (Productivity Commission) (2022) Report on Government Services. Canberra: PC. Viewed 22 June 2022, <a href="https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services">https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services</a></p>

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Has been superseded by [Type of sentinel event code N\[N\]  
Health](#), Standard 07/09/2023

**Data elements  
implementing this value  
domain:**

[Establishment—type of sentinel event, code N  
Health](#), Standard 20/12/2022