

Perineal status code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	759681
Registration status:	Health , Standard 09/09/2022 Tasmanian Health , Standard 08/11/2023
Definition:	A code set representing the state of the perineum.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	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
Supplementary values:	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).

Collection Methods:	<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>
Comments:	<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

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Origin:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority 2022. The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM), Twelfth Edition. Tabular List and Alphabetic Index. Darlinghurst, NSW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Perineal status code N[N] Health , Superseded 09/09/2022
Data elements implementing this value domain:	Female—postpartum perineal status, code N[N] Health , Standard 09/09/2022 Tasmanian Health , Standard 24/03/2023