Perineal status code N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 759681 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 09/09/2022  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 08/11/2023 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the state of the perineum. |

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| 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 |

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| 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: | Jurisdictions that record perinatal data using the ICD-10-AM should apply the following codes in relation to degree of laceration:  ‘Code 2 1st degree laceration/vaginal graze' is equivalent to O70.0 in the ICD-10-AM.  'Code 3 2nd degree laceration ' is equivalent to O70.1 in the ICD-10-AM.  'Code 4 3rd degree laceration' is equivalent to O70.2 in the ICD-10-AM.  'Code 7 4th degree laceration' is equivalent to O70.3 in the ICD-10-AM.  'Code 88 Other perineal laceration, rupture or tear' is equivalent to O70.9 in the ICD-10-AM. |
| Comments: | Where multiple perinatal lacerations, ruptures or tears of different degrees are documented, assign the code for the highest (most severe) degree only.  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.  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.  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. |

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| 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. |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Perineal status code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/749944)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 09/09/2022 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Female—postpartum perineal status, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/759639)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 09/09/2022  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 24/03/2023 |