

Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator
METEOR identifier:	762195
Registration status:	Health , Standard 09/12/2022
Definition:	An indicator of whether a female's most recent previous pregnancy that ended with a birth was by caesarean section, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	7	Not applicable
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This data element should be completed for all females who gave birth. CODE 7 Not applicable This code should be recorded if the female has not had a previous pregnancy that resulted in a birth at or after 20 weeks gestation or of a baby weighing 400 grams or more.
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Comments: Previous caesarean sections are associated with a higher risk of complications, and when recorded with other data elements, provides important information on the risk of obstetric care.

This data element can be used to determine a vaginal birth occurring after a caesarean section delivery (VBAC) when recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—birth method, code N](#) data element

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

See also [Birth event—birth method, code N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 08/11/2023

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Perinatal NMDS 2023–24](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2023
Implementation end date: 30/06/2024
DSS specific information:

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