Birth event—delivery method, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Method of birth |
| METEOR identifier: | 270035 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 06/09/2006 |
| Definition: | The method of complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception in a birth event, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Birth event—delivery method](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269506) |
| Value Domain: | [Method of delivery code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270644) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Spontaneous vaginal |
|  | 2 | Forceps (assisted vaginal birth) |
|  | 3 | Vaginal breech |
|  | 4 | Caesarean section |
|  | 5 | Vacuum extraction |
|  | 8 | Other |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | In a vaginal breech with forceps to the after coming head, code as vaginal breech. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/295349)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 02/08/2017  Is re-engineered from  [Method of birth, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/273181)  (14.1 KB)  *No registration status* |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Perinatal NMDS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/290828)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 06/09/2006  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2006 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2007 ***DSS specific information:***  The method of delivery may affect the health status of the mother and the baby at birth and during the postpartum period.  [Perinatal NMDS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/273043)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 07/12/2005  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2005  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2006 |