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# Perineal status

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000125                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-JUL-01  
Definition: State of the perineum following birth.  
Context: Perinatal statistics: perineal laceration (tear) may cause significant maternal morbidity in the postnatal period. Episiotomy is an indicator of management during labour and, to some extent, of intervention rates.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: N  
Minimum Size: 1  
Maximum Size: 1  
Data Domain: 1                      Intact  
                  2                      1st degree laceration/vaginal graze  
                  3                      2nd degree laceration  
                  4                      3rd degree laceration  
                  5                      Episiotomy  
                  6                      Combined laceration and episiotomy  
                  8                      Other  
                  9                      Not stated  
Related metadata: is used in conjunction with Anaesthesia administered during labour version 1  
                      is used in conjunction with Presentation at birth version 1  
                      is used in conjunction with Method of birth version 1  
                      has been superseded by Perineal status version 2

