

# Perineal status code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	423657
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 02/08/2017
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the state of the perineum.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	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
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 2 1st degree laceration/vaginal graze**

Graze, laceration, rupture or tear of the perineal skin during delivery that may be considered to be slight or that involves one or more of the following structures:

- fourchette
- labia
- vagina
- vulva

**CODE 3 2nd degree laceration**

Perineal laceration, rupture or tear as in Code 2 occurring during delivery, also involving:

- pelvic floor
- perineal muscles
- vaginal muscles

Excludes laceration involving the anal sphincter.

**CODE 4 3rd degree laceration**

Perineal laceration, rupture or tear as in Code 3 occurring during delivery, also involving:

- anal sphincter
- rectovaginal septum
- sphincter not otherwise specified (NOS)

Excludes laceration involving the anal or rectal mucosa.

**CODE 7 4th degree laceration**

Perineal laceration, rupture or tear as in Code 4 occurring during delivery, also involving:

- anal mucosa
- rectal mucosa

**CODE 88 Other perineal laceration, rupture or tear**

May include haematoma or unspecified perineal tear.

**Comments:**

If a laceration occurred during delivery 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. Instead, the category has been added to the value domain as a new code rather than modifying the order of the existing permissible values. This approach is consistent with established practice in classifications, wherein a new value domain identifier (or code number) is assigned to any new value meaning that occurs, rather than assigning this new value domain meaning to an existing value domain identifier.

**Source and reference attributes****Submitting organisation:**

National Perinatal Data Development Committee

**Origin:**

National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH) 2010. The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM) – Seventh Edition - Tabular list of diseases and Alphabetic index of diseases. Sydney: NCCH, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes <a href="#">Perineal status code N Health!</a> , Superseded 07/02/2013
	Has been superseded by <a href="#">Perineal status code N[N] Health!</a> , Superseded 12/12/2018
Data elements implementing this value domain:	<a href="#">Female (mother)—postpartum perineal status, code N[N] Health!</a> , Superseded 02/08/2017