

# Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Type of analgesia administered during a birth event
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	471867
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 12/12/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	The type of <a href="#">analgesia</a> administered to the woman during a birth event, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event—type of analgesia administered</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Type of labour analgesia administered code N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	2	Nitrous oxide
	4	Epidural or caudal block
	5	Spinal block
	6	Systemic opioids
	7	Combined spinal-epidural block
	88	Other analgesia
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 6 Systemic opioids Includes intramuscular and intravenous opioids. CODE 7 Combined spinal-epidural block The spinal-epidural block combines the benefits of rapid action of a spinal block and the flexibility of an epidural block. An epidural catheter inserted during the technique enables the provision of long-lasting analgesia with the ability to titrate the dose for the desired effect. CODE 88 Other analgesia Includes all non-narcotic oral analgesia. Includes non-pharmacological methods such as hypnosis, acupuncture, massage, relaxation techniques, temperature regulation, aromatherapy and other.
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**Comments:** Note: Code 1 and Code 3, which each had a meaning in previous versions of the data standard, are no longer used. As is good practice, the codes will not be reused.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This data element should be used in conjunction with the data element: [Birth event—analgesia administered indicator, yes/no code N](#) to obtain information on if analgesia was administered to a woman during the birth event.

**Collection methods:** More than one agent or technique can be recorded.

Code 7 cannot be recorded if Code 4 and Code 5 have already been recorded.

This data element is to be recorded for first and second stage labour, but not for third stage labour, e.g. removal of placenta.

**Comments:** Analgesia use may influence the duration of labour, may affect the health status of the baby at birth and is an indicator of obstetric intervention. Analgesia may also influence a woman's satisfaction with her birth experience and is an indicator of women's access to anaesthesia services, i.e. epidural analgesia is not available for women in birth events where there are no anaesthetic services.

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### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Birth event—analgesia administered, code N Health!](#), Superseded 07/02/2013

Has been superseded by [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\] Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—analgesia administered indicator, yes/no code N Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Perinatal NMDS 2013-14](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 07/03/2014  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014  
**Conditional obligation:**

This data element is to only be reported in cases where analgesia was administered to the mother during the birth event.

[Perinatal NMDS 2014-18](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 02/08/2017  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018  
**Conditional obligation:**

This data element is to only be reported in cases where analgesia was administered to the mother during the birth event.

[Perinatal NMDS 2018-19](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019  
**Conditional obligation:**

This data element is to only be reported in cases where analgesia was administered to the mother during the birth event.