Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, 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: | 673248 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/673245) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/464978) |

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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 | Yes |
|  | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 7 | Not applicable |
|  | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| 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 item should be completed for all women who give birth.  CODE 7   Not applicable  This code should be applied if the woman 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. |
| Comments: | Previous caesarean sections are associated with a higher risk of complications, and when used with other Data elements provides important information on the risk of obstetric care.  This data element can be used to determine vaginal births occurring after a caesarean section delivery (VBAC) when used in conjunction with the data element [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/672856). |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Perinatal Data Development Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/422187)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 02/08/2017  Has been superseded by [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/695328)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 03/12/2020  See also [Birth event—birth method, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/672856)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Perinatal NMDS 2018-19](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/668811)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 12/12/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019 ***DSS specific information:***  This item is collected for the mother only. |