

Birth event—birth method, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Method of birth
METEOR identifier:	695372
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 03/12/2020
Definition:	The method of complete expulsion or extraction of a product of conception from the female in a birth event, as represented by a code.
Context:	Perinatal
Data Element Concept:	Birth event—birth method
Value Domain:	Method of birth code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Vaginal—non-instrumental
	2	Vaginal—forceps
	4	Caesarean section
	5	Vaginal—vacuum extraction
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Vaginal—non-instrumental

Includes a vaginal breech that has been manually rotated.

CODE 2 Vaginal—forceps

Includes a vaginal breech with forceps to the after coming head.

CODE 4 Caesarean section

Includes the use of forceps/vacuum extraction to assist the extraction of the product of conception in a caesarean section or where a hysterotomy is performed to extract the product of conception.

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#) data element when method of birth is Code 2 (Vaginal—forceps), Code 4 (Caesarean section) or Code 5 (Vaginal—vacuum extraction).

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\]](#) data element when method of birth is Code 2 (Vaginal—forceps), Code 4 (Caesarean section) or Code 5 (Vaginal—vacuum extraction) and [Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#) is Code 1 (Yes).

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N\[N\]](#) data element when method of birth is Code 4 (Caesarean section).

This data element should be recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—additional indication for caesarean section, code N\[N\]](#) data element when method of birth is Code 4 (Caesarean section), [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N\[N\]](#) is completed and there is more than one reason for which a caesarean was performed.

Comments:

Code 3 has been omitted as it is no longer in use. For information about its meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions.

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Relational attributes**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Birth event—birth method, code N Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

Has been superseded by [Birth event—birth method, code N Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

See also [Birth event—additional indication for caesarean section, code N\[N\] Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—main indication for caesarean section, code N\[N\] Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—type of analgesia administered, code N\[N\] Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

See also [Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Perinatal NMDS 2019–20](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

DSS specific information:

In the case of multiple births, this data element should be recorded for each baby born.

[Perinatal NMDS 2020–21](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020

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Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06–Caesarean section for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07–Non-instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08–Instrumental vaginal birth for selected females giving birth for the first time, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 15–Females having their second birth vaginally whose first birth was by caesarean section, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

Used as Denominator

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 02–Antenatal care visits in the first trimester for all females giving birth, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 03–Episiotomy for females giving birth for the first time and giving birth vaginally, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 09–General anaesthetic for females giving birth by caesarean section, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 13–Third and fourth degree tears for vaginal births, 2021](#)

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