

# Birth event—birth method, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Method of birth
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	695372
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 03/12/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	The method of complete expulsion or extraction of a product of conception from the female in a birth event, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	Perinatal

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event—birth method</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	695369
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 12/12/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	The method of complete expulsion or extraction of a product of conception from the female in a birth event.
<b>Context:</b>	Perinatal
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Birth method</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Method of birth code N</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	696190
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 12/12/2018
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the method of complete expulsion or extraction from a female of a product of conception.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Vaginal—non-instrumental
	2	Vaginal—forceps
	4	Caesarean section
	5	Vaginal—vacuum extraction

## Source and reference attributes

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

## 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.

## Source and reference attributes

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

## 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

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021

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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](#)

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