

Product of birth—type of autopsy performed, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Type of autopsy
METEOR identifier:	716412
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 17/12/2021
Definition:	The type of post-mortem examination performed on a product of birth, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Product of birth—type of autopsy performed
Value Domain:	Type of autopsy code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Full autopsy performed
	2	Limited autopsy performed
	3	Autopsy performed but type unknown
Supplementary values:	7	Not applicable
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Full autopsy performed

Use this code if a full autopsy was performed. A full autopsy is a comprehensive review of the clinical notes and maternal investigations, placental examination, and examination of the product of birth including measurements and clinical photographs, radiological investigations, evisceration, dissection, and organ examination, including detailed histological evaluation.

CODE 2 Limited autopsy performed

A limited autopsy is performed when the extent of the examination of the product of birth is limited, compared to a full autopsy. A limited autopsy may include detailed external, placental and umbilical cord examinations and external measurements, skin/needle blood sampling, clinical photography, radiological investigations, external examination and some testing on small samples of tissue internal examination limited to certain areas of the body.

CODE 3 Autopsy performed but type unknown

Use this code if an autopsy was performed on the product of birth but the type of autopsy is unknown.

CODE 7 Not applicable

Use this code if no autopsy was performed on the product of birth.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

Use this code when data is missing or inadequately described. It is not intended for use on primary collection instruments.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set [Perinatal Mortality NBEDS 2022–23](#)

Specifications: Health, Standard 17/12/2021

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DSS specific information:

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