

# Birth event—type of anaesthesia 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 anaesthesia administered during a birth event
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	732614
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 17/12/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	The type of <a href="#">anaesthesia</a> administered to a female during a birth event with instrumental or operative delivery, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Type of birth anaesthesia 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

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	2	Local anaesthetic to perineum
	3	Pudendal block
	4	Epidural or caudal block
	5	Spinal block
	6	General anaesthesia
	7	Combined spinal-epidural block
	88	Other anaesthesia
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>CODE 7 Combined spinal-epidural block</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CODE 88 Other anaesthesia</p> <p>May include parenteral opioids and nitrous oxide.</p>
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Code 1 (None) has been omitted as it is no longer in use. For information about its meaning in previous data elements, see superseded versions.</p>

# Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

- Guide for use:** More than one permissible value may be recorded.  
CODE 7 Combined spinal-epidural block  
Combined spinal-epidural block should not be recorded if both Code 4 and Code 5 are also recorded.
- Comments:** Anaesthetic use may affect the health status of the baby and is an indicator of obstetric intervention.

## Source and reference attributes

- Submitting organisation:** National Perinatal Data Development Committee

## Relational attributes

- Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N\[N\] Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2020  
Has been superseded by [Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N\[N\] Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021  
See also [Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N Health!](#), Standard 03/12/2020

- Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Perinatal NMDS 2021–22 Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2021  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2022  
**Conditional obligation:**

This data element is only to be recorded if the response to the [Birth event—birth method, code N](#) data element 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](#) data element is Code 1 (Yes).

**DSS specific information:**

This data element does not include the removal of the placenta.

This is a multiple response data element and is therefore operationalised for data collection across 7 individual data items (one data item per permissible value, excluding Code 99 (Not stated/inadequately described)).