

# 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 , Superseded 17/12/2021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.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	733078
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 03/12/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	The type of <a href="#">anaesthesia</a> administered to a female during a birth event.
<b>Context:</b>	Perinatal
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Type of anaesthesia administered</a>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	National Perinatal Data Development Committee
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## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N]</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	732612
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 17/12/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the type of <a href="#">anaesthesia</a> administered during a birth event.

### 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>	CODE 7 Combined spinal-epidural block
	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.
	CODE 88 Other anaesthesia
	May include parenteral opioids and nitrous oxide.
<b>Comments:</b>	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.

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	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.
<b>Comments:</b>	Anaesthetic use may affect the health status of the baby and is an indicator of obstetric intervention.

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### Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	Supersedes <a href="#">Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N] Health!, Superseded 03/12/2020</a>
	Has been superseded by <a href="#">Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N] Health!, Standard 17/12/2021</a>
	See also <a href="#">Birth event—anaesthesia administered indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N Health!, Standard 03/12/2020</a>

**Implementation in Data Set** [Perinatal NMDS 2021–22](#)

**Specifications:**

[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)).