

# **Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N**

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	732743
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 03/12/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	An indicator of whether a female's most recent previous pregnancy that ended with a birth was by caesarean section, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Female—caesarean section at most recent previous birth indicator</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### 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	Yes
	2	No
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	7	Not applicable
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This data element should be completed for all females who gave birth.  
CODE 7 Not applicable

This code should be recorded if the female has not had a previous pregnancy that resulted in a birth at or after 20 weeks gestation or of a baby weighing 400 grams or more.

**Comments:** Previous caesarean sections are associated with a higher risk of complications, and when recorded with other data elements, provides important information on the risk of obstetric care.

This data element can be used to determine a vaginal birth occurring after a caesarean section delivery (VBAC) when recorded in conjunction with the [Birth event—birth method, code N](#) data element

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Relational attributes

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at most recent previous birth indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#) Health!, Superseded 03/12/2020

See also [Birth event—birth method, code N](#) Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

See also [Birth event—birth method, code N](#) Health!, Standard 17/12/2021

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Perinatal NMDS 2021–22](#) Health!, Superseded 17/12/2021

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**DSS specific information:**

This data element is recorded for the mother only.

[Perinatal NMDS 2022–23](#) Health!, Standard 17/12/2021

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