

# Birth event—birth presentation, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Presentation at birth
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	749924
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 17/12/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	The presenting part of the fetus at birth, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	Perinatal.  Presentation types other than vertex are associated with higher rates of caesarean section, instrumental birth, perinatal mortality and neonatal morbidity.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Birth event—birth presentation</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Birth presentation 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	Vertex
	2	Breech
	3	Face
	4	Brow
	8	Other
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

### Source and reference attributes

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

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

CODE 1 Vertex

Presentation at birth is the upper back part of the fetal head. That is, the occiput is the point of reference.

CODE 2 Breech

Presentation at birth is the buttocks or legs. Includes breech with extended legs, breech with flexed legs, footling and knee presentations.

CODE 3 Face

Presentation at birth is the face. That is, the fetal head is hyper-extended and the area of the head below the root of the nose and the orbital ridge is at the cervical os.

CODE 4 Brow

Presentation at birth is the brow. That is, the fetal head is partly extended and the area of the head between the anterior fontanelle and the root of the nose is at the cervical os.

CODE 8 Other

Includes compound presentations (where an extremity prolapses simultaneously alongside the presenting part) and all other malpresentations, for example, cord, shoulder or hand.

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Birth event—birth presentation, code N Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Perinatal NMDS 2022–23 Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2022

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023

**DSS specific information:**

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