

Birth event—birth presentation, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Presentation at birth
METEOR identifier:	749924
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 17/12/2021
Definition:	The presenting part of the fetus at birth, as represented by a code.
Context:	Perinatal. Presentation types other than vertex are associated with higher rates of caesarean section, instrumental birth, perinatal mortality and neonatal morbidity.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Birth event—birth presentation
METEOR identifier:	695415
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 12/12/2018
Definition:	The presenting part of the fetus at birth.
Object class:	Birth event
Property:	Birth presentation

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: National Perinatal Data Development Committee

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Birth presentation code N
METEOR identifier:	299997
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 06/09/2006
Definition:	A code set representing types of birth presentations.

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Vertex
	2	Breech
	3	Face
	4	Brow

	8	Other
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

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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.