Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 749934 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 17/12/2021 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the type of [**anaesthesia**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/733095) administered during a birth event. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[N] | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 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 |
| Supplementary values: | 99 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 2 Local anaesthetic to perineum  A local anaesthetic to the perineum was administered to the mother for the operative/instrumental birth of the baby. Local anaesthetic to perineum is the infiltration of the perineum with a local anaesthetic.  CODE 3 Pudendal block  A pudendal block was administered to the mother for the operative/instrumental birth of the baby. A pudendal block is an injection of a local anaesthetic to the pudendal nerves.  CODE 4 Epidural or caudal block  An epidural or caudal block was administered to the mother for the operative/instrumental birth of the baby.  An epidural block is an injection of a local anaesthetic into the epidural space of the spinal column.  A caudal block is an injection of a local anaesthetic agent into the caudal portion of the spinal canal through the sacrum.  CODE 5 Spinal block  A spinal block was administered to the mother for the operative/instrumental birth of the baby. A spinal block is an injection of an analgesic drug or anaesthetic drug into the subarachnoid space of the spinal cord. Spinal block is also called Subarachnoid Block Anaesthesia.  CODE 6 General anaesthesia  General anaesthesia was administered to the mother for the operative/instrumental birth of the baby. General anaesthesia includes various anaesthetic agents given primarily by inhalation or intravenous injection.  CODE 7   Combined spinal-epidural block  A combined spinal-epidural block was administered to the mother for the operative/instrumental birth of the baby. A combined spinal-epidural block is a needle-through-needle injection of an analgesic drug or anaesthetic drug into both the epidural space and the subarachnoid space of the spinal column. 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  Other anaesthesia (not indicated above) was administered to the mother for the operative/instrumental birth of the baby. This may include parenteral opioids and nitrous oxide. |
| Comments: | 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. |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Type of birth anaesthesia administered code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/732612)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 17/12/2021 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Birth event—type of anaesthesia administered, code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/749932)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 17/12/2021 |