

Updates 3 & 4 in relation to COVID-19 coding in ICD-10

A set of additional categories has been agreed to be able to document or flag presentation for:

- conditions that occur in the context of COVID-19
- immunization to prevent COVID-19 and,
- an adverse reaction to a COVID-19 vaccine.

Both three-character and four-character codes have been defined to respond to the different levels of coding depth that is in place in different countries. ¹

Provisional assignment of new diseases of uncertain etiology or emergency use (U00-U49)

U08 Personal history of COVID-19

U08.9 Personal history of COVID-19, unspecified

Note: This optional code is used to record an earlier episode of COVID-19, confirmed or probable that influences the person's health status, and the person no longer suffers of COVID-19. This code should not be used for primary mortality tabulation.

U09 Post COVID-19 condition

U09.9 Post COVID-19 condition, unspecified

Note: This optional code serves to allow the establishment of a link with COVID-19. This code is not to be used in cases that still are presenting COVID-19.

U10 Multisystem inflammatory syndrome associated with COVID-19

U10.9 Multisystem inflammatory syndrome associated with COVID-19, unspecified

Cytokine storm

Kawasaki-like syndrome

Paediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome (PIMS)

Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)

Temporally associated
with COVID-19

Excludes: Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome [Kawasaki] (M30.3)

¹ It is further noted that technological constraints may require bridge national coding to the international codes until an update of the relevant IT systems allows use of the international codes.

U11 Need for immunization against COVID-19

U11.9 Need for immunization against COVID-19, unspecified

Note: This code should not be used for international comparison or for primary mortality coding. This optional code is intended to be used when a person who may or may not be sick encounters health services for the specific purpose of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Prophylactic COVID-19 vaccination

Excludes: immunization not carried out (Z28.-)

U12 COVID-19 vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use

U12.9 COVID-19 vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use, unspecified

Note: This code is to be used as an external cause code (i.e. as a subcategory under Y59 *Other and unspecified vaccines and biological substances*). In addition to this, a code from another chapter of the classification should be used indicating the nature of the adverse effect.

Correct administration of COVID-19 vaccine in prophylactic therapeutic use as the cause of any adverse effect.