

# Code sequencing for COVID-19 vaccine causing adverse effects in therapeutic use

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National coding advice TN1551 COVID-19 vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use (effective from 1 January 2021) provides guidance for code assignment<sup>1</sup>.

As with COVID-19 related episodes of care, the correct sequencing of COVID-19 related codes is essential.

In alignment with Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) requirements, the following code sequencing methodology should be used.

Where the COVID-19 adverse reaction is the reason for the admitted episode of care (**principal diagnosis**) and there are associated symptoms:

- PD** T88.1 *Other complications following immunisation, not elsewhere classified*
- EX** Y59.0 *Viral vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use*
- EX** Y92.23 *Place of occurrence, health service area, not specified as this facility*
- OD** Symptoms/manifestations relating to the COVID-19 vaccine adverse effect – may be more than one
- EX** Y59.0 *Viral vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use*
- EX** Y92.23 *Place of occurrence, health service area, not specified as this facility*
- OD** U07.7 *Emergency use of U07.7 [COVID-19 vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use]*

Code U07.7 is assigned as the last code for the cluster of codes relating to the COVID-19 adverse reaction.

Where the condition chiefly responsible for occasioning an episode of admitted patient care is not the COVID-19 adverse reaction (**not principal diagnosis**), but this meets the requirement for coding as per Australian Coding Standard 0002 *Additional diagnoses*, code sequence should be:

- PD** Condition chiefly responsible for occasioning an episode of admitted patient care
- OD** T88.1 *Other complications following immunisation, not elsewhere classified*
- OD** Symptoms/manifestations relating to the COVID-19 vaccine adverse effect – may be more than one
- EX** Y59.0 *Viral vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use*
- EX** Y92.23 *Place of occurrence, health service area, not specified as this facility*
- OD** U07.7 *Emergency use of U07.7 [COVID-19 vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use]*

**Note:** Where an adverse effect occurs resulting from COVID-19 vaccine administered during the admitted episode of care, Y92.24 *Place of occurrence, health service area, this facility* should be assigned rather than Y92.23 *Place of occurrence, health service area, not specified as this facility*.

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<sup>1</sup> Independent Hospital Pricing Authority 2021, 'National Coding Rules (effective 1 April 2021)', retrieved 5 April 2021, <[https://www.ihpa.gov.au/sites/default/files/national\\_coding\\_rules\\_effective\\_1\\_april\\_2021\\_0.pdf](https://www.ihpa.gov.au/sites/default/files/national_coding_rules_effective_1_april_2021_0.pdf)>