

ICPC-2 PLUS UPDATE FOR COVID-19

In March 2020, an out-of-cycle ICPC-2 PLUS release incorporating seven new terms for COVID-19 was sent to EHR vendors (including Communicare, Genie, Medtech, StatHealth and Zedmed) using ICPC-2 PLUS and made available to their end users. These terms were added to allow the capture of various aspects of the COVID-19 outbreak in electronic health records, as outlined in the table below.

In the October 2020 release **one additional new term** has been added to capture COVID-19 serology testing.

ICPC-2 PLUS code	Term description
R83015	COVID-19
A23026	At risk;COVID-19
R29021	COVID-19;suspected
R27003	Concern (about);COVID-19
A67031	Referral;fever clinic
R33013	Test;swab;COVID-19
R33014	Test;COVID-19 serology
R45005	Advice/education;COVID-19

Each of these terms can also be found using part or all of the keyword 'CORONAVIRU' (please remember that ICPC-2 PLUS keywords are restricted to 10 characters).

Other ICPC-2 PLUS terms that may be relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic include:

ICPC-2 PLUS code	Term description
A45035	Advice/education;isolate
A45026	Advice/education;hygiene

The ICPC-2 PLUS team will continue to monitor developments surrounding this pandemic and will schedule another out-of-cycle update if needed. The next scheduled ICPC-2 PLUS release is due on 12th April 2021.