

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** (R33014) has been added to capture COVID-19 serology testing.

In the March 2021 release **two additional new terms** were added in light of the COVID-19 vaccination program which started in general practice recently.

ICPC-2 PLUS code	Term description	New additions
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	
A99029	Post-COVID-19 syndrome	New term in March 2021
R44020	Immunisation;COVID-19	New term in March 2021

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).

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 October 2021.