

Clarification regarding coding of vulnerable patients

EMIS have now released the following SNOMED codes pertaining to high, moderate, and low risk of complications from COVID-19 infection:

- **High risk category for developing complication from COVID-19 infection**
Concept ID: 1300561000000107
Description ID: 2601331000000112
- **Moderate risk category for developing complication from COVID-19 infection**
Concept ID: 1300571000000100
Description ID: 2601371000000114
- **Low risk category for developing complication from COVID-19 infection**
Concept ID: 1300591000000101
Description ID: 2601431000000117

EMIS will automatically replace the 'High' code on any Phase 1 or Phase 2 patient, and also any instances of 'Risk of exposure to communicable disease' *added in the past 7 days*, with the 'High risk category for developing complication from COVID-19 infection' code.

EMIS will also update the '*Patients at high risk of complications from COVID-19 infection*' search to include that code. These actions will be coordinated to ensure that the search results themselves are not affected.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Please DO NOT continue to use the 'Risk of exposure to communicable disease' code to identify patients locally. Please ONLY use 'High risk category for developing complication from COVID-19 infection' to add patients to the high-risk cohort as shown above.

As per the Phase 3 instructions in the CMO guidance, practice now need to clinically assess the patients identified in the '*Patients at high risk of complications from COVID-19 infection*' search and, where a patient is no longer considered high risk, add either the moderate or low risk code shown above. This will remove the patient from the high-risk cohort

Practices DO NOT need to remove the original high- risk code because only the most recent flag will be used in searches. Patients identified as low or medium risk will be removed from the central registry.