



REPORTING OF CPT CODES FOR INFLUENZA VACCINE PRODUCTS & VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

The H1N1 vaccine product developed for the 2009 Swine Flu Pandemic reported with CPT code 90663 and the administration code 90470 will not be offered this flu season. The shelf life of any left over H1N1 products developed for the 2009 H1N1 pandemic have expired and those doses should not be administered. Thus, as of January 1, 2011, the H1N1 codes 90470 and 90663 posted to the AMA website in July of 2009 and listed in the CPT 2011 codebook should no longer be reported, as indicated on the AMA's [CPT Category I Vaccine Codes](#) Web site page through the link labeled **Vaccine Code Descriptors**.

The seasonal vaccine developed for the 2010-2011 flu season incorporates H1N1 virus. The reformulated seasonal flu vaccine which incorporates H1N1 and related viruses should NOT be coded with 90663. The correct codes for the reformulated seasonal flu vaccines should be reported with the seasonal influenza vaccine codes (90655 et seq) and the immunization administration code(s) (90460 et seq).

CPT immunization administration codes 90460 and 90461 are new for inclusion in the CPT 2011 codebook, which replace the former codes 90465, 90466, 90467, and 90468. When reporting codes 90460 and 90461, each component of a particular vaccine should be coded. Further instructions for use of these codes is provided in the *CPT Changes 2011* publication. For vaccines with multiple components [combination vaccines], code 90460 is reported in conjunction with 90461 for each additional component in a given vaccine. Since a vaccine may be comprised of multiple flu strains with the influenza vaccine being a single component vaccine, it would not be appropriate to additionally report code 90461.

A new series of pandemic codes (90664-90668) have been established to be available in the event of another pandemic flu outbreak occurs in the future. The new codes 90664, 90666, 90667 and 90668 allow more detailed information to differentiate the product indication for the intended route of delivery. This new series of pandemic codes should not be used for the seasonal flu vaccines that are intended for the 2010-2011 flu season. Codes 90664-90668 are reserved only for reporting pandemic vaccines that are required in the event of another national pandemic influenza outbreak, and should not be used for products which are formulated for the typical Fall and Winter flu seasons.

Codes 90664, 90666, 90667 and 90668 were released electronically on the "Category I Vaccine Codes" AMA website on January 1, 2010 and became effective on July 1, 2010. These new codes appear in the CPT 2011 codebook with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval pending symbol (↗). If and when another influenza pandemic occurs, and another vaccine product is formulated and approved for distribution, the AMA's [CPT Category I Vaccine Codes](#) Web site will provide notifications and instructions for pandemic vaccine code reporting.

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