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**Coding & Audit Pitfalls:**  
Best Practices to Avoid Compliance Issues

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DATES OF SERVICE	PROCEDURE CODE	
05/21/10-05/21/10	82272	PU
05/21/10-05/21/10	94010	PULMO
05/21/10-05/21/10	94375	CARDIOVASCULAR SE
05/21/10-05/21/10	93000	VENIPUNCTURE
05/21/10-05/21/10	36410	

## The 2017-2018 Flu Season is Here: How Should You Code for Influenza Vaccines?

It's that time of year again when patients are coming in for their annual flu vaccines. Before selecting the proper code administration of a vaccine, make sure your practice knows what to check for.

### Flu Vaccine Coding and Documentation Quick Reference

#### Be Mindful of the Following When it Comes to Flu Vaccine Administration

Are you administering a quadrivalent or trivalent vaccine? Again, for the 2017–2018 flu season, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is not recommending the Flu Mist; and therefore, many payers are not covering the Mist.

#### Remember to document properly and thoroughly in the patients chart

- the name of the vaccine,
- manufacturer,
- lot number,
- expiration date,
- dosage,
- person giving the vaccine, and
- whether the vaccine was state supplied or office supplied. If the vaccine was state supplied, append modifier SL to the CPT code.

#### What administration codes should I use for the flu vaccine?

CPT Code	Description
G0008	Administration of influenza virus vaccine.
90471	Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid).
+90472	Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid). List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.
90473	Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid).
+90474	Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid). List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.
90460	Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; first or only component of each vaccine or toxoid administered.
+90461	Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; each additional vaccine or toxoid component administered. List separately in addition to code for primary procedure

Note: There is a new flu vaccine this season; 90756 – Influenza vaccine, quadrivalent (ccIV4), derived from cell cultures, subunit, antibiotic free, 0.5 mL dosage for intramuscular use. This CPT code will come into effect for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018.

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