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To: All Members of the Dental Community

From: Randall C. Markarian, DMD, MS
Chair, ADA CDT Code Maintenance Committee and ADA Council on
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Subject: Codes for COVID-19 Vaccination Procedures and Molecular Testing Added
to CDT 2021

I am pleased to announce that by special resolution approved by the ADA Code Maintenance Committee (CMC) during its March 11-12, 2021 Annual Meeting the following entries are now part of the current version of the *Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature* – CDT 2021.

- D1701 Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine administration – first dose**
SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC mRNA 30mcg/0.3mL IM DOSE 1
- D1702 Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine administration – second dose**
SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC mRNA 30mcg/0.3mL IM DOSE 2
- D1703 Moderna Covid-19 vaccine administration – first dose**
SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC mRNA 100mcg/0.5mL IM DOSE 1
- D1704 Moderna Covid-19 vaccine administration – second dose**
SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC mRNA 100mcg/0.5mL IM DOSE 2
- D1705 AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine administration – first dose**
SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC rS-ChAdOx1 5x10¹⁰ VP/.5mL IM DOSE 1
- D1706 AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine administration – second dose**
SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC rS-ChAdOx1 5x10¹⁰ VP/.5mL IM DOSE 2
- D1707 Janssen Covid-19 vaccine administration**
SARSCOV2 COVID-19 VAC Ad26 5x10¹⁰ VP/.5mL IM SINGLE DOSE

These dental procedure codes, which are listed in the Preventive category of service in CDT 2021, may be used to document delivery of a COVID-19 vaccine on the condition that use of any vaccine is contingent upon FDA approval and state laws governing scope of practice. Dentists providing COVID vaccine in their offices may be required to submit data to the jurisdiction's immunization information system (IIS) aside from documenting in their patient record.

The resolution adopted by the CMC also addresses inclusion of the following procedure code in CDT 2021's Diagnostic's category of service.

- D0606 molecular testing for a public health related pathogen, including coronavirus**

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Please consider this memorandum as official notice that this suite of vaccination procedure codes is now available for use. Every CDT Code user is encouraged to develop their own implementation plans that reflect applicable business needs and goals, as well as all applicable laws and regulations.

The ADA is now updating all CDT 2021 documentation to incorporate these COVID-19 procedure codes, and this material will be provided to all code set users. This documentation includes the ASCII files for CDT Code licensees, and a special coding guidance document concerning vaccinations for posting on the ADA Internet "[Coding Education](#)" page, which will be released during the week of March 29, 2021. There is open access to this document that may be downloaded at no cost.

Next editions of ADA printed publications (e.g., CDT 2022 manual) will also include these codes.

Thank you very much for your attention to this notice. Please direct any inquiries to ADA staff via email (dentalcode@ada.org) or by calling the ADA Member Service Center (800-621-8099).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall C. Markarian", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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