

# GPIT COVID19 Vaccination Update

## April 2021

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## Moderna Vaccines

From early April 2021 the Moderna vaccine will be in use as part of the UKs COVID19 vaccination programme. It is initially planned to be used in three Health Board areas, Lothian, GG&C and Grampian. At the current time there is no expectation that this will be a vaccine that is made available for general practice administration, however you may see data imports into your GPIT systems for patients who have received this in Health Board run vaccination centres. In the EMIS PCS clinical system the abbreviation 'MOD' will be used to indicate this product. In Vision imports of these vaccinations will only occur once your Vision system has updated to either DLM760 minor version 31 or DLM770 minor version 35. The vaccine was included in the February Gemsript update.

## GP2GP issue in Vision

Vision has an issue with the transfer of vaccination data when a patient's records are transferred from one Vision practice to another Vision practice via GP2GP. Specifically, when a Pfizer vaccine has been recorded in the originating practice, following transfer this changes to show AstraZeneca.

This is clearly a significant issue as will cause confusion where practices may be delivering second doses. At present it has only affected Pfizer records being changed to AstraZeneca, but it is possible it could affect new vaccines when these become available.

Vision have identified the cause of this and are making software changes to correct the issue, this is likely to take several weeks until it is in place. In the meantime, Vision are working with NHS National Services Scotland to identify people who have recently registered with new practices and have been affected by this issue. Practices where this has happened will be contacted and advised of the patient(s) affected and asked to manually correct these records. The correct vaccine given (Pfizer) may show as freetext to the vaccination entry or can be viewed on TURAS or in the GP2GP PDF export in Docman. Practices will be contacted on a recurrent basis with details of affected patients until Vision have their GP2GP software fixes installed. There have only been a small number of record transfers affected so far and this will only be for practices that accept GP2GP transfers. We greatly appreciate your assistance should you be contacted in this way.

## New Patient Registrations

Vaccinations that have been recorded using TURAS Vaccination Management Tool (VMT) will only be imported into the current registered practice for that patient. When a patient moves practice, the new practice, as part of the process of summarising records, will need to check COVID19 vaccine recording and ensure these are correctly shown in the GPIT system.

Where there is a GP2GP transfer from Vision to EMIS or EMIS to Vision, due to the local, non READ based codes, COVID19 vaccination records cannot be transferred automatically and will need to be manually entered. Please see section below on correctly entering vaccination details into GP systems.

## Correct recording of Vaccines in GPIT systems

A reminder of the importance of entering vaccination data correctly if entering into your GPIT system. Where the data is entered incorrectly and can't safely be exported to the National Clinical Data Store, practices are being requested to go back and make corrections to the entries. Efforts to ensure correct initial entry will avoid the need to spend additional time on corrections. As a reminder -

### EMIS PRACTICES

The correct format, including "/" as a separator is:

*Batch Number/Product Name (AZ or PF)/Method (IM or SC)*

***e.g. AB12456/AZ/IM***

**This is all that should be entered into the free text field.**

Specifically, additional narrative notes, use-by or expiry dates and additional lettering such as BN (for batch number) should not be entered into the free text field. These additional comments can be added to other parts of the consultation entry if required.

### VISION PRACTICES

It is important that you are using the most up to date Vision Guideline. This will have separate fields for selecting Pfizer or AstraZeneca plus first or second stage of vaccines.

In the batch number field, it is important only the batch number is entered.

***e.g. AB12456***

**No other text such as use-by or expiry date should be entered in this field.**

Additional narrative notes about the vaccination encounter should not be added against the vaccination code. If required these should be entered under a different 'consultation' code and not against the vaccination code.

We greatly appreciate your help in working towards good data quality and in entering vaccination data correctly. This is immensely important to enable effective monitoring of these vaccines and planning for the future.

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