**GP Practice Coding – SNOMED codes**

GP practices are recommended to code valproate patient documentation with the suggested coding below. MHRA and [NHS Digital](https://termbrowser.nhs.uk/?perspective=full&conceptId1=1366401000000107&edition=uk-edition&release=v20240313&server=https://termbrowser.nhs.uk/sct-browser-api/snomed&langRefset=999001261000000100,999000691000001104) have advised that the SNOMED codes below are available to support primary care in accurately recording valproate annual risk assessments. This will then help with subsequent EMIS searching and identifying those patients who have a review outstanding. These codes can be used for **ALL** patients on valproate for any condition, licensed or unlicensed.

* **Pregnancy Prevention Programme: 1129761000000105**
* **Pregnancy Prevention Programme STARTED: 1129771000000103**
* **Pregnancy Prevention Programme DECLINED: 1129801000000100**
* **Pregnancy prevention programme NOT NEEDED: 1129791000000104**
* **Pregnancy Prevention Programme DISCONTINUED: 1129841000000102**
* **Did not attend Pregnancy Prevention Programme: 1129831000000106**
* **Pregnancy Prevention Programme DECLINED BY PARENT: 1129821000000109**
* **Valproate Annual Risk Acknowledgement Form (ARAF): 1659031000000103**
* **Valproate Annual Risk Acknowledgement Form COMPLETED: 1366401000000107**
* **Referral for Valproate Annual Risk Acknowledgement Form: 1366381000000107**

**GP Practice GP IT System Searches**

**EMIS** searches:

* can be downloaded and imported into your EMIS Web clinical system to help to identify potentially at-risk patients. **N.B. As with all EMIS searches, please remember that they are only as good as the GP practice coding.**
* There are 3 searches: -
* **Valproate in Women Aged 10-55 (All)** – This search looks for female patients aged 10-55 years who have a current course of valproate and/or a prescription issue of valproate in the past 3 months. We have used this age range to try and catch any patients aged 10 – 12 years prescribed valproate, to prompt specialist to switch as appropriate to an alternative treatment.

Please note, due to EMIS coding gender as male, female or other, this EMIS search cannot be relied upon to identify those patients who are transgender therefore there may be some patients included in the search who were male at birth.

* **Potentially pregnant** – This search looks within the cohort identified by the ‘Valproate in Women Aged 10-55 (All)’ search for patients that have coding that indicates they may currently be pregnant and so need immediate review**. N.B. Due to the issues with GP coding, this EMIS search should not be relied upon.**
* **Requires Review** – This search looks within the cohort identified by the ‘Valproate in Women Aged 10-55 (All)’ search and then excludes patients that have been coded with
	+ a hysterectomy code and/or
	+ ‘Pregnancy prevention programme not needed’ and/or
	+ ‘Valproate Annual Risk Acknowledgment Form completed’ in the past year and/or
	+ ‘Pregnancy prevention programme form signed by patient’ in the past year and so potentially require a review as per the Pregnancy Prevention Programme.



* **Ardens**:

Whilst Ardens have produced their own valproate searches, they do not highlight all patients on valproate medicines (sodium valproate, valproic acid and valproate semisodium) and so run the risk of missing patients. We would therefore encourage using the EMIS searches provided by the ICB Medicines Optimisation Team to help identify valproate patients as stated above.

Ardens do however have a **Valproate Clinical Template** which practices may find helpful when reviewing valproate patients on EMIS – see screenshot below.



* Practices may also wish to check **Eclipse QIC** where valproate alerts which are located in the Eclipse Live section:
* Click Eclipse Live
* Then click CQC Live
* Then under the MHRA Drug Safety section click on ‘Valproate / valproic acid drug safety’ to view your practice valproate patient data.

