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This month's newsletter is packed with updates on network activities, and valuable resources for your practice.



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KidWell Resource Updates:

Mark Your Calendars for Kidwell Lunch Time Lecture Series!

Did you miss our September 24th Lunch and Learn?

Catch up on the recording of "Cerebral Palsy Clinic: A Multidisciplinary Approach" presented by Shanna Midgley, CPNP-PC, MSN and Keri Dialessandro, PA-C. (Live Stream Coming Soon)

Upcoming Event:

Save the Date: Our next Lunch and Learn is on November 19th
(*please note the date change due to the Thanksgiving holidays*).

Topic: Ozempic

Speaker: Thao-Ly Phan-Vo

This is a session you won't want to miss!



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Friendly Reminder: Complete GPO Vaccine Initiative Spreadsheet

Dear KidWell Community Practices,

Just a friendly reminder to please complete the GPO (Group Purchasing Organization) vaccine initiative spreadsheet that was emailed by Danielle Burns on August 20th, 2024.

This initiative is a fantastic opportunity to potentially reduce your vaccine costs. To participate, we need your help in understanding your annual vaccine purchase volume.

Key Points:

- The spreadsheet is organized into four tabs: Combo 2 & 7, COVID, Flu, and Other.
- Each tab asks two key questions for each vaccine:
 - What quantity of each NDC was ordered?
 - Where did you order the vaccine from?

Your timely completion of this spreadsheet is essential for us to move forward with this initiative and potentially unlock cost savings for your practice.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the spreadsheet, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Danielle \(Danielle.Burns@nemours.org\)](mailto:Danielle.Burns@nemours.org).

Thank you for your cooperation!



Reminder

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KidWell Nirsevimab (Beyfortus) ToolKit

Provider Resources:

- **AAP Clinical Decision Support Algorithm:** [Click Here](#)
- **Sanofi Full Prescribing Information:** [Click Here](#)
- **CDC FAQs regarding Special Populations:** [Click Here](#)
- **CDC FAQs regarding Maternal Vaccination, Abrysvo:** [Click Here](#)

Patient Resources:

- **RSV Immunization Information Statement:** [Click Here](#)
- **RSV Disease Education:** [Click Here](#)

Billing/Coding/Documentation:

- **AAP Nirsevimab Coding and Payment Guidance:** [Click Here](#)
- **EMR Considerations:**
 - o Identification of patients eligible/overdue for the RSV immunization
 - o Documentation of the RSV Maternal Vaccine to close the RSV Immunization “gap in care”
- Administrations of RSV Vaccinations/Immunizations are both reportable to/retrievable from our state vaccination registries, such as DelVAX

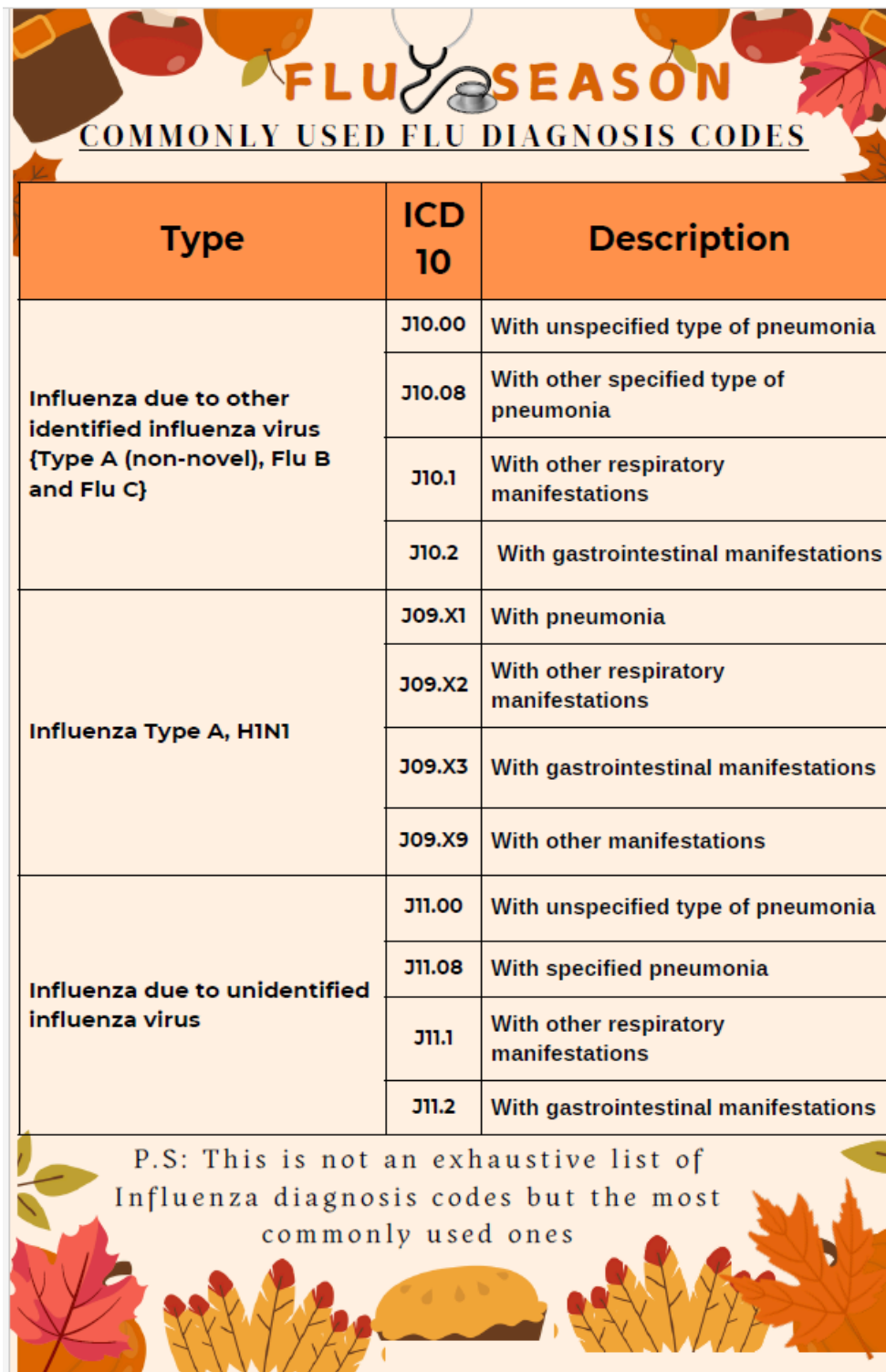
PLEASE NOTE: *It is important to use the appropriate diagnosis code not only for billing and claims payment but also for data collection and quality metrics.*

Payment/Coverage:

- Payers that are compliant with the Affordable Care Act are required to cover both
- Nirsevimab and Abrysvo.
 - It will be important to review birth history records and discharge summaries to know if a patient received the RSV immunization while in the hospital and for maternal vaccination status to avoid non-payment/duplicate administrations.
 - o Most Obstetricians in the Delaware Valley have reported that they will be offering Abrysvo to expecting mothers who meet criteria.
 - o Most area hospitals have added Nirsevimab to their formulary to administer to at least the highest risk babies after birth or if admitted to the hospital during the RSV season.

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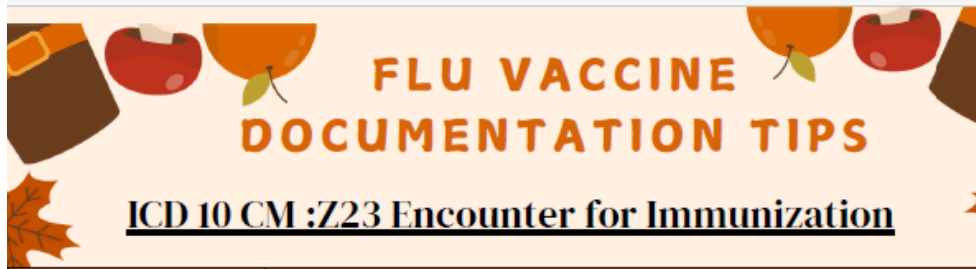


Type	ICD 10	Description
Influenza due to other identified influenza virus {Type A (non-novel), Flu B and Flu C}	J10.00	With unspecified type of pneumonia
	J10.08	With other specified type of pneumonia
	J10.1	With other respiratory manifestations
	J10.2	With gastrointestinal manifestations
Influenza Type A, H1N1	J09.X1	With pneumonia
	J09.X2	With other respiratory manifestations
	J09.X3	With gastrointestinal manifestations
	J09.X9	With other manifestations
Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus	J11.00	With unspecified type of pneumonia
	J11.08	With specified pneumonia
	J11.1	With other respiratory manifestations
	J11.2	With gastrointestinal manifestations

P.S: This is not an exhaustive list of Influenza diagnosis codes but the most commonly used ones

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FLU VACCINE DOCUMENTATION TIPS

ICD 10 CM :Z23 Encounter for Immunization

CPT Code	Vaccine name (not official descriptor)
90653	Fluad Trivalent (2024/2025)(Preservative Free)
90656	Afluria Trivalent (2024/2025) (Preservative Free)
	Fluzone Trivalent (2024/2025)(Preservative Free)
	Fluvarix Trivalent (2024/2025) (Preservative Free)
	FluLaval Trivalent (2024/2025) (Preservative Free)
90657	Afluria Trivalent (2024/2025) Pediatric Dose
	Fluzone Trivalent (2024/2025) Pediatric Dose
90658	Afluria Trivalent (2024/2025)
	Fluzone Trivalent (2024/2025)
90661	Flucelvax Trivalent (2024/2025) (Preservative Free)
	Flucelvax Trivalent (2024/2025)
90662	Fluzone High-Dose Trivalent (2024/2025) (Preservative Free)
90673	Flublok Trivalent (2024/2025)(Preservative Free)

SOURCE: CMS (7/31/24)
ALSO BILL THE ADMINISTRATION CODE (CPT® 90471 FOR COMMERCIAL PAYERS)

<https://www.aapc.com/blog/91116-cms-posts-2024-2025-season-vaccine-payment-allowances/?msockid=16fc167b8f9e640f23d402438e9965fa>



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Care Coordination Success Story

Supporting New Parents with Postpartum Depression

Our Care Coordination team recently stepped in to assist first-time parents struggling with postpartum depression. Recognizing the need for support and respite, the care coordinator proactively connected the family with Josie's Grace, a valuable community resource.

Within a week, the mother was enrolled and attending her first session.

Josie's Grace: A Postpartum Support Tool

- Provides community-based nursing care for stress in early motherhood.
- Offers a 4-week in-person support program in Newark, DE.
- Mothers can self-refer or be referred by their healthcare provider.

Contact Josie's Grace:

- Phone: 302-715-3430
- Email: Hello@JosiesGrace.com
- Website: <https://www.josiesgrace.com>

Remember: If you encounter families needing postpartum support, please reach out to your care coordinator. They can help connect them with resources like Josie's Grace.



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CDI Team Spotlight: Viji Anchan Earns CCDS-O Certification **Our Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) team continues to lead the way!**

We're thrilled to announce that Viji Anchan, MSN, RN, CPN, CRC, has earned the prestigious Certified Clinical Documentation Specialist-Outpatient (CCDS-O) credential.

This accomplishment highlights Viji's dedication to improving documentation accuracy and completeness in the outpatient setting. As outpatient CDI is still an emerging field, our team's expertise and national recognition position us as pioneers in promoting effective documentation practices.

Remember: Accurate documentation is crucial for ensuring proper coding, reimbursement, and quality of care.

Need help? Viji Anchan and Val Bica are your go-to resources for documentation and ICD-10 questions.

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Celebrating Our Advanced Practice Providers During National APP Week!

This Week's Spotlight: National APP Week

The 4th week of September is National APP Week! We at KidWell would like to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to all the Advanced Practice Providers within our network.

You play a critical role in delivering high-quality care to our patients, and your dedication is truly appreciated.

Happy National APP Week!



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Gear Up for Flu Season with Practice Transformation & Quality Improvement Support

As flu season approaches, ensure your practice is well-prepared to protect your patients and community. Practice Transformation is ready to assist you with resources and strategies to maximize your flu vaccination efforts.

We can help you with:

Identifying and addressing gaps in care: Utilize the latest Aetna reports (payer claims through 6/30/24, internal data through 7/29/24) to pinpoint patients who may have missed their flu shot last season.

Optimizing your workflow: Streamline your vaccination processes to improve efficiency and increase patient participation.

Patient outreach and education: Develop effective communication strategies to encourage flu vaccination among your patient population.

Data tracking and reporting: Monitor your progress and identify areas for improvement.

Reach out to [Asya Richardson \(Asya.richardson@nemours.org\)](mailto:Asya.richardson@nemours.org), your Practice Transformation Specialist, today to discuss how we can support your flu season success!

Reach out to [Nicole Schwegler \(Nicole.Schwegler@nemours.org\)](mailto:Nicole.Schwegler@nemours.org), your Quality Improvement Specialist, today to discuss any additional support for your practice in achieving your quality measures!



BUILDING A STRONGER PRACTICE: PARTNERING WITH A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST

-Your Ally in Quality Improvement

What is the Role of a Quality Improvement Specialist?

Achieving better patient outcomes is at the heart of everything we do. Quality Improvement Specialists are healthcare professionals dedicated to partnering with practices like yours. We work collaboratively to assist practices in interpreting and improving quality metrics by engaging with designated practice quality leads, clinical leadership, and operations managers. The Quality Improvement Specialist also assists practices with implementing best practices, performance improvement plans, clinical workflows and documentation resulting in quality improvement. We work alongside you to:

- **Assist practices** in developing targeted performance improvement plans and tracking progress
- **Provide ongoing education** regarding quality measures, including measure specifications, clinical workflow recommendations, and documentation requirements
- **Identify best practices** to share broadly through periodic lunch & learn webinars
- **Provide guidance and support** for practices to meet reporting requirements
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Why Partner with Us?

- **Increased Efficiency & Productivity:** Streamline workflows, improve patient flow, and ultimately dedicate more time to patient care.
- **Enhanced Patient Satisfaction:** A better practice experience leads to happier and more engaged patients.
- **Improved Financial Performance:** Reduced costs, optimized utilization, and potential new revenue opportunities

How Can We Partner?

Attend our monthly Kidwell Quality & Care Management Committee meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month. Include me in your team meetings, which would allow me to understand your practice's unique strengths and dynamics. Reach out to me anytime you'd like to brainstorm an opportunity for quality improvement within your practice.



NICOLE SCHWEGLER, MSN, RN, CCM, CPN
Quality Improvement Specialist

Let's work together!

I am here to support you and your team. Don't hesitate to reach out! Invite me to your next meeting, and let's discuss how we can partner to engage your practice.



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BUILDING A STRONGER PRACTICE: PARTNERING WITH A PRACTICE TRANSFORMATION SPECIALIST

-Your Ally in Operational Analysis

What is the Role of a Practice Transformation Specialist?

Achieving better patient outcomes is at the heart of everything we do. Practice transformation specialists are healthcare professionals dedicated to partnering with practices like yours. We work collaboratively to identify areas for improvement in efficiency, cost management, and operational processes. By streamlining your practice, we empower you to deliver the highest quality care and ultimately, improve patient health and satisfaction. We work alongside you to identify areas for improvement and implement strategies to:

- **Reduce Costs & Utilization:** We analyze data and identify opportunities to optimize resource allocation, potentially reducing unnecessary spending and overutilization of services.
- **Find New Opportunities:** We can help you identify areas of untapped potential, such as improving patient engagement programs or implementing preventive care initiatives.
- **Understand the Problem & Partner for Solutions:** We offer a fresh perspective and collaborative approach, working with you to understand your specific challenges and develop solutions tailored to your needs.

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I invite you to include me in your team meetings!

This allows the opportunity gain a deeper understanding of your practice dynamics and collaboratively brainstorm solutions. Additionally, I offer:

- **Data Analysis & Reporting:** I can partner with the data team to analyze your data to identify trends and present clear, actionable insights.
- **Implementation Support:** I can partner with the quality team to assist with implementing new processes and strategies.
- **Success Story Sharing:** I can share real-world examples of how other practices have implemented successful strategies to reduce costs, improve patient outcomes, and achieve their goals.



ASYA RICHARDSON

Practice Transformation Specialist

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Nominate a Stellar Colleague!

Do you know a coworker who consistently goes above and beyond? We want to celebrate their dedication in our Kudos Corner!

Shape the Newsletter!

We're always looking for ways to improve the departmental newsletter. Do you have ideas for future content, suggestions for topics, or feedback on the format? We value your input!

Share your thoughts and suggestions with Asya Richardson directly at asya.richardson@nemours.org.

We value your feedback and participation! **Contact Us:**

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See you next month!
The KidWell Network
Team

