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To whom it may concern

The undersigned urgently request that the World Health Organization's Covid-19 specific vaccine injury codes be added to the ICD-10-CM list used here in the United States. Specifically, we ask that the WHO adopted ICD-10 codes U12 and U12.9 specifically for: "Covid-19 vaccines causing adverse effects in therapeutic use" be added immediately to the codes used here in the United States.

The above U12 and U12.9 codes already exist and are in active use for medical coding in both Europe and the United Kingdom. The US has failed to adopt these specific codes. In the US, the following nonspecific codes may be used for adverse effects in therapeutic use of a vaccine. T50.B95A, Adverse effect of other viral vaccines, initial encounter. T50.B95D, Adverse effect of other viral vaccines, subsequent encounter. T50.B95S, Adverse effect of other viral vaccines, sequela. We find it unacceptable that the U12 and U12.9 codes have not been adopted here in the US. However, ICD-10 codes for unvaccinated people have been created.

As medical providers and researchers, we understand the importance of the most accurate and detailed medical coding. Undoubtedly, accurate medical coding results in accurate and timely billing. More importantly, the most accurate and detailed medical coding results in a more accurate and detailed medical record. The medical record can be used to identify adverse events associated with the Covid-19 vaccines and allow scientific investigation through retrospective analyses of the medical records. Such specific ICD-10 Covid-19 vaccine adverse events will allow us to monitor the safety of the Covid-19 vaccines. This serves to promote and protect the well-being of our population we are obligated to protect.