

New SNOMED codes are now live! These codes identify and exclude patients from health informatics tools, if they dissent from receiving invitations to research opportunities in Primary Care.

- **1771641000000107** | **Fully specified name:** Dissent to receive invitation from general practitioner practice to participate in research
- **1771651000000105** | **Fully specified name:** Dissent **withdrawn** to receive from general practitioner practice to participate in research



These new codes will be added to the Clinical Research Network (CRN) Research coding templates in EMIS and SystemOne shortly.

To access a short animation explaining this change on approach, please visit the PRIDES website [here](#).

**The rationale for
this change in
approach**

- These codes aim to improve the ability for people to participate in research and widen opportunities for people to be involved in research
- This approach assumes everyone registered at a practice could be invited unless they explicitly dissent from being contacted for this purpose

These codes reflect the relationship between a GP practice and a patient who is dissenting from contact for the purpose of research. It has no implications for data sharing or opt-out. However, no code has previously existed for this reason, so in some areas/cases a type one opt-out or local code may have been used as a surrogate marker for this dissent instead. The type one opt-out code means that no patient data leaves the practice (there are some rare exclusions e.g public health/Control of Patient Information).

The new codes will provide consistent standards for research, underpinning good governance and public confidence, support a relationship between care providers and their patients and empower patients by giving them a choice. The code reduces the risk of bias by respecting patients' choices and will assume invitation to research unless someone dissents. This change in approach is supported by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and the Health Research Authority (HRA).

How this change affects your GP Practice - GP sites should be aware of the following:

- Use the dissent code if a patient does not want to be invited to research opportunities
- Be aware that CRN PRIDES health informatics tools will now exclude only those patients with the new dissent code applied to their electronic health record
- Patients with a **type one opt-out** recorded will now be included in the results of CRN PRIDES health informatics tools

How this change affects your GP Practice - You may wish to take the following action:

- If a GP site has used a type one code to exclude people from research invitation, we suggest a review of the historical codes, contact patients with a type one code and ensure that moving forward the type one code is only used to dissent from data sharing as intended and not related to research within the practice
- Some practices may have used a different code to record a patients dissent from research invitation and we suggest sites consider changing these codes to the new dissent code
- Communicate this change of approach with your patients

**For any queries or further
information and guidance, please
contact your LCRN in the first
instance**