

Code 2 Angiotensin II receptor blockers (candesartan, eprosartan, irbesartan and telmisartan)

Code 3 Beta blockers (atenolol, carvedilol, labetalol, metoprolol, oxprenolol, pindolol, propranolol and sotalol)

Code 4 Calcium antagonists (amlodipine, diltiazem, felodipine, lercanidipine, nifedipine and verapamil).

Example 1: If a person takes one of the ACE inhibitors and a Beta blocker, the code recorded would be 13.

Example 2: If a person takes one of the ACE inhibitors, an Angiotensin II receptor blocker and a Beta blocker, the code recorded would be 123.

Collection Methods: The person should be asked a series of questions about any current medication for a cardiovascular condition as follows:

Are you currently taking any medication for a cardiovascular condition? ___Yes ___No

If the person answers "NO", then code 8 should be applied.

If the person answers "YES", then ask which one(s) (from the list of drugs in the Guide for use).

Ace Inhibitors ___Yes ___No

Angiotensin II receptor blockers ___Yes ___No

Beta blockers ___Yes ___No

Calcium antagonists ___Yes ___No

The appropriate code should be recorded for each type of medication currently in use.

Code 8 is used when none of the listed medications is being taken by the person

Code 9 should only be used in situations where it is not practicable to ask the questions.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Blood pressure - diastolic measured version 1

relates to the data element Blood pressure - systolic measured version 1

relates to the data element Date of birth version 4

relates to the data element Hypertension - treatment version 1

