

Supplementary Table 1: The Read codes used in the Audit+ search in GP practices

Read code	Description
1C9..00	Sore throat symptom
1C9..11	Throat soreness
1C92.00	Has a sore throat
1C93.00	Persistent sore throat
1C9Z.00	Sore throat symptom NOS
1CA..00	Hoarseness symptoms
1CA..11	Hoarseness - throat symptoms
1CB3.00	Throat pain
1CB3.11	Pain in throat
2DB6.00	O/E - follicular tonsillitis
2DC1.00	O/E - pharynx hyperaemic
2DC1.11	O/E - fauces injected
2DC2.00	O/E - granular pharyngitis
2DC3.00	Inflamed throat
A340.00	Streptococcal sore throat
A340200	Streptococcal pharyngitis
A340300	Streptococcal tonsillitis
H00..00	Acute nasopharyngitis
H02..00	Acute pharyngitis
H02..11	Sore throat NOS
H02..12	Viral sore throat NOS
H02..13	Throat infection - pharyngitis
H020.00	Acute gangrenous pharyngitis
H021.00	Acute phlegmonous pharyngitis
H022.00	Acute ulcerative pharyngitis
H023.00	Acute bacterial pharyngitis
H023000	Acute pneumococcal pharyngitis
H023100	Acute staphylococcal pharyngitis
H023z00	Acute bacterial pharyngitis NOS
H024.00	Acute viral pharyngitis

Read code	Description
H02z.00	Acute pharyngitis NOS
H03..00	Acute tonsillitis
H03..11	Throat infection - tonsillitis
H03..12	Tonsillitis
H030.00	Acute erythematous tonsillitis
H031.00	Acute follicular tonsillitis
H032.00	Acute ulcerative tonsillitis
H033.00	Acute catarrhal tonsillitis
H034.00	Acute gangrenous tonsillitis
H035.00	Acute bacterial tonsillitis
H035000	Acute pneumococcal tonsillitis
H035100	Acute staphylococcal tonsillitis
H035z00	Acute bacterial tonsillitis NOS
H036.00	Acute viral tonsillitis
H037.00	Recurrent acute tonsillitis
H03z.00	Acute tonsillitis NOS
H050.00	Acute laryngopharyngitis
H052.00	Pharyngotracheitis
H053.00	Tracheopharyngitis
H055.00	Pharyngolaryngitis
H121100	Atrophic pharyngitis
H121200	Granular pharyngitis
H121300	Hypertrophic pharyngitis
H14y600	Lingular tonsillitis
H271100	Influenza with pharyngitis
Hyu0100	[X]Acute pharyngitis due to other specified organisms
Hyu0200	[X]Acute tonsillitis due to other specified organisms