Appendix

*International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Codes*

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: ICD-8 codes: 490, 491, 492; ICD-10 codes: J40, J41, J42, J43, J44.

Asthma: ICD-8 codes: 493; ICD-10 codes: J45, J46.

Pneumoconiosis: ICD-8 codes: 515, 516; ICD-codes: J60-J68.

Bronchiectasis: ICD-8 codes: 518; ICD-10 codes: J47.

Cystic fibrosis: ICD-8 codes: 273; ICD-10 codes: E84.

Chronic respiratory failure: ICD-10 codes: J96.1, J96.9.

Interstitial chronic diseases: ICD-8 codes: 517; ICD-10 codes: J70, J84.

*Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) Codes*

Inhaled corticosteroids: beclometasone, mometasone, fluticasone, budesonide (ATC codes R03BA01, R03BA02, R03BA05, R03BA07, respectively.

Combinations of inhaled corticosteroids and long acting β-agonists: salmeterol + fluticasone and formoterol + budesonide (ATC codes R03AK06 and R03AK07, respectively).

Systemic corticosteroids: ATC codes H02AB.

Other immunosuppressants: ATC codes L01 (antineoplastic agents) and L04 (immunosuppressant drugs).