

ICD-11 for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics (ICD-11 MMS) Joint Task Force Update

The ICD-11 MMS Joint Task Force came together for a two-day meeting (14-15 October 2017) in Mexico prior to the World Health Organization Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC) Network meeting and conference which was held between 16-21 October 2017.

The meeting objectives were to:

- Continue to review identified ICD-11 content issues
- Analyse feedback received from WHO Member States and other stakeholders
- Continue to develop and refine coding rules for mortality and morbidity coding in ICD-11
- Plan and prepare support mechanisms and documentation for transition and implementation of ICD-11 in countries
- Assist WHO with the planning of governance and maintenance structures for ICD-11

The ICDfit platform has been further enhanced to support additional functions relevant to ICD-11 field testing for line and case coding with a customised interface for mortality, morbidity and specialty testing functionality.

ICD-11 MMS Field Test activities undertaken during 2017 were discussed and reported on. 31 countries were involved in ICD-11 field testing. The types of morbidity field tests included:

- Generic line coding
- Generic case coding
- Specialty specific line and case coding (e.g. dermatology, patient quality and safety, pain, traditional medicine, internal medicine)

Mortality line coding and underlying cause coding field testing is still under development as the mortality coding rules require finalisation.

A total of 1,673 participants performed more than 112,383 code assignments. The results have been used to inform improvements in:

- ICD-11 user guidance
- ICD-11 electronic tooling functions (e.g. Coding Tool and Browser)
- The process of post coordination/clustering of ICD-11 stem codes and extension codes
- Coder training and instructions especially around effective searching using the ICD-11 Coding Tool and Browser

For further information about ICD-11 progress towards a 2018 release, please see WHO's October 2017 ICD-11 Revision Quarterly Newsletter which is available at:

http://who.int/classifications/2017_10_ICD11_Newsletter.pdf?ua=1.

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