

Report on the last meeting of the ICD-11 MMS Joint Task Force held in Seoul, Republic of South Korea

Prior to the WHO-FIC Network Annual Meeting and Conference, the International Classification of Diseases, 11th Revision for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics (ICD-11 MMS) Joint Task Force (JTF) met for the last time in Seoul, Korea on 20 October 2018 with an overall objective of finalising an end of mission report. Officially created by the World Health Organization in September 2015, the JTF acted as a steering group providing WHO with strategic and technical advice in order to finalise the ICD-11 MMS development.

The JTF members included experts in mortality and morbidity from around the world that had experience in the application and update of ICD-10 and/or its national modifications. Experts in functioning and disability, primary care and patient safety and quality also participated in meetings as required. Over the three years the JTF met face to face on 10 occasions, with monthly teleconferences held in between the face to face meetings. Minutes of all the face to face meetings can be accessed at: <http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/revision/JTFReports/en/>

Over the 3 years, the JTF concentrated on issues related to the content within the ICD-11 MMS and its structure, the application of the ICD-11 MMS which informed the development of the Reference Guide and the maintenance and governance structures required as part of the WHO-FIC.

As well as the finalization of the end of mission report, the JTF meeting in Seoul also was used to discuss the following important topics:

- Transition plans for the maintenance structure of the ICD-11 MMS moving forward
- Ensuring that there would be WHO-FIC Network continuity/transfer of ICD-11 MMS knowledge gained through membership of the JTF
- Finalising the ICD-11 MMS Implementation Guidance materials
- Expectations from WHO-FIC Member States regarding ICD-11 MMS education and training materials and tools.
- Maintenance of the ICD-11 MMS over the next 3 years
- How to proceed with ICD-11 MMS in Primary Care settings

The ICD-11 MMS for implementation version was released in June 2018 and can be found at:

<https://icd.who.int/browse11/l-m/en>

Plans are now underway for the ICD-11 MMS to be presented to the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May 2019.

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