

WHO-FIC Education and Implementation Committee (EIC) Mid-year Meeting Report

The 2019 WHO-FIC EIC mid-year meeting was held 5-7 April in Malmo, Sweden, with a joint meeting of the EIC and the Morbidity Reference Group (MbRG) held on the afternoon of the 5 April. During the joint meeting, participants discussed how best to proceed with working together to garner MbRG feedback on education materials being developed. The WHO priority for education materials required is firstly for the ICD-11 for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics (MMS) which is being submitted to the World Health Assembly (WHA) in May 2019 for approval. Secondly, the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI) is in its final stages of development and requires education materials to facilitate field trials to be undertaken during June and July 2019. It is anticipated that work on ICHI will be concluded by the Annual WHO-FIC Network Meeting in October 2019 and will be submitted by WHO to the WHA for approval in May 2020.

WHO has contracted the National Centre for Classification in Health, University of Sydney to develop an ICD-11 electronic training tool and draft modules of the tool were demonstrated during the joint EIC and MbRG meeting. Feedback received during this demonstration will help improve the tool during its development.

During the EIC meeting 6-7 April, participants were very productive with the following work undertaken:

- Review of the WHO-FIC classifications website with recommendations to be made to WHO for updating and improvement of its functionality and usability
- Review of the current EIC website including how best to provide up-to-date education related information on the WHO-FIC to the public and the acquisition of an EIC website platform to progress the EICs background work
- Determination of a 'gold standard' for WHO-FIC education materials
- Review of a draft ICD-11 Flyer with feedback to be provided to WHO
- Coding of disease term sets using ICD-11 and agreement from participants to provide country specific disease term sets to WHO for improving the indexing in ICD-11
- Discussion focusing on ICHI and education materials developed to date with a view to developing an ICHI electronic training tool, once ICHI has been finalized. The tool would be developed on the same platform used in the development of the ICD-11 electronic training tool.

It is planned that the EIC work listed above be progressed for finalization at the EIC meeting to be held as part of the annual WHO-FIC Network meetings to be held in Banff, Canada between 5-11 October 2019.

There was also discussion around a future EIC mid-year meeting to be held in late March, early April 2020, possibly in Australia.

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