

IFHIMA’s Activities Supporting ICD-11 Education and Implementation

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Abstract The International Federation of Health Information Management Associations (IFHIMA), a non-governmental organization (NGO) in official relations with WHO, has a commitment to helping the healthcare industry prepare for ICD-11. This work supports the WHO-FIC Network Strategic Framework and Work Plan priority areas of Education and Implementation with a focus on ICD-11.

Introduction

IFHIMA has been in official relations with the WHO for 45 years and has committed to working closely with the WHO on specific projects of particular concern or interest in the field of health records and health information. IFHIMA also specifically focuses on supporting the WHO-FIC Network Strategic Framework and Work Plan priority areas of ICD-11, Education, and Implementation.

IFHIMA now has 61 nations represented across our Associate/Individual, National, Educational Institution and Corporate categories.

IFHIMA’s goals are to:

- Promote the development and practice of health information management (HIM) in all countries
- Advance the development and use of international HIM standards
- Provide for the exchange of information on HIM education requirements and training programs
- Provide opportunities for education and communication between persons working in the field of HIM in all countries
- Promote the appropriate and effective use of technology and the electronic health record.

Methods & Materials

Toward the goal of overall support, IFHIMA updated their ICD-11 Position Paper in February 2025.

IFHIMA’s Global News, published on a tri-annual basis, is venue for member education. Each issue strives to include at least one article on ICD- 11 adoption and implementation.

In April, IFHIMA held a three-part virtual series: Focus on the Future of HIM. One of the days was allocated to ICD-11 implementation and training experiences.

The ICD-11 Community of Practice (CoPs) provides implementation support by providing a forum for discussion of common interests, information sharing and promoting best practices related to ICD-11 implementation and use.

Results



Figure1: Partial content of IFHIMA ICD-11 Position Paper (<https://tinyurl.com/3cxvzu47>)



2025
May – *A Universal Song: Harmonizing ICD-11 Implementation* authored by Michelle Badore, the Global Clinical and Nosology Content Manager at Solventum (formerly 3M Health Information Systems).

2024
December – *Integrating ICD-11 into Electronic Medical Records: What we need to know* authored by Islam Ibrahim, MBBCh, MPH, PhD Team leader, morbidity data at the National Center for Health information (WHO-FIC Collaborating Center), Ministry of Health, Kuwait.

August – *Lessons Learned from the National Pilot of ICD-11 Morbidity Coding in China* authored by Meng Zhang, MD, PhD ICD-11 Program Lead at WHO-FIC Collaborating Center in China Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and Naishi Li, MD, PhD Deputy Director of Department of Medical Records Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences



Results continued

The ICD-11 CoP has 54 members from 14 countries. Quarterly meetings include IFHIMA updates, sharing by members on the current state of ICD-11 adoption and implementation and their challenges, and Q&A. Highlights from the past meetings are:

2025
July: Canadian mapping update

April: Japan ICD-11 update

2024
December: Open discussion on the biggest challenges countries have had or are having regarding adoption and implementation

The CoP is also working on a project to produce a set of FAQs to assist with understanding how one can become involved locally or globally with ICD-11 implementation. A draft template is undergoing final review.

Conclusions

IFHIMA's involvement with the WHO-FIC Network Strategic Framework and Work Plan includes contributions to the priority areas of ICD-11 education and implementation. The publication of the IFHIMA ICD-11 Position Paper and articles in the Global News support this work, as do the quarterly ICD-11 CoP meetings.

The Global Series Future ICD-11 covered the Czech Republic experience in implementing ICD-11, China’s journey towards high quality health care with ICD-11, Canadian’s perspective on preparing for ICD-11, a United States stakeholder update, tips and tricks when using the ICD-11 coding and browser tools. A panel discussion concluded the series.

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