

## ICD-11 Governance and Process for RSG, RSG-SEG and Joint Task force

*In the current Phase 2 of the ICD-11 Revision, the Joint Task Force has joined the top level revision advisory groups. This document supersedes earlier documents and it provides an overview of the governance arrangement that is in place in this phase. All groups are advisory to WHO, which has the final authority for the ICD.*

### Joint Task Force (JTF)

The Joint Linearization for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics Task Force (JTF) is the steering group for the ICD-11 version for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics (ICD-11-MMS)<sup>1</sup>. The JTF provides strategic and technical advice to WHO for the finalization of the ICD-11-MMS development. The input to ICD-11-MMS will draw on scientific advice, where recommended by the JTF or WHO. Design of the ICD-11-MMS will not be subject to alteration by the RSG. Scope of the JTF is to provide strategic and technical advice to WHO on:

- The subset of the Foundation Component content to be included in the ICD-11-MMS
- The primary parents in the ICD-11-MMS that define the hierarchy in the ICD-11-MMS
- The recommended versions of coding and browsing tools, in print or electronic formats, and related inclusion of secondary parents
- The level of detail for single-code coding<sup>2</sup>
- The relevant dimensions<sup>3</sup> for use in optional post-coordination
- The morbidity and mortality coding and reporting rules<sup>4</sup>
- The suitability for use as a classification:
  - categories to be mutually exclusive<sup>5</sup>
  - jointly exhaustive<sup>6</sup>
- User guidance where using more than one code per condition<sup>7</sup>
- Seek advice, as necessary, from vertical TAGs, cross-cutting TAGs and other project stakeholders to inform their work

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<sup>1</sup> ICD-11-MMS: ICD-11 version for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics – usage equivalent of ICD-11 with current ICD-10

<sup>2</sup> this refers to 'shorelining' or 'stem codes', i.e. the codes that will include pre-coordinated concepts vs. post-coordination, meaning using multiple codes to code one condition

<sup>3</sup> Extension code chapter, clinical forms, etc.

<sup>4</sup> included in the reference guide

<sup>5</sup> non-redundant; exclusion notes, coding hints

<sup>6</sup> appropriate residual categories and groupings

<sup>7</sup> Sanctioning Rules, coding hints

## RSG-SEG

The RSG-SEG advises on the high-level connections within and outside ICD-11, and helps resolve possible conflicts arising in the design of the ICD-11-MMS. The co-chairs of the JTF and the Primary Care Task Force may also be invited to be members of the RSG-SEG. The RSG-SEG meets on a monthly basis by teleconference, with occasional urgent meetings on an as-needed basis. This also includes ad hoc electronic communication as needed.

The RSG-SEG responsibilities include advice on:

- High-level ICD-11 design and the integration of components, specifically:
  - The Foundation Component
  - Relationships between and among linearizations
  - The Ontological Component
  - links to terminologies outside ICD
- Production of frozen versions of the Foundation Component to ensure the stability of derived linearizations
- Decisions regarding tools for the continuing development and use of ICD-11
- Work with all linearization activities to facilitate alignment or interoperability
- In conjunction with the JTF, review and coordinate TAG activities (including proposal activities with focus on the structure and user guidance) to ensure continued scientific validity, correctness, and ultimately completeness of the Foundation Component content and relationships
- Resolution of problems where they arise in the design

## Vertical Topic Advisory Groups (TAGs)

Vertical TAGs have the role of scientific editorial boards, with responsibility to advise WHO on the scientific validity of content and relationships in the Foundation Component, upon request. This is designed for the maintenance of ICD-11. In more detail, the TAGs advise on:

- the accuracy and validity of Foundation Component content
- updates and revisions of the Foundation Component to reflect new knowledge or understanding
- new content and relationships in the Foundation Component to enhance completeness
- identification of possible third party reviewers upon request
- updates proposed by other groups
- changes to completed sections of ICD-11-MMS where strong medical or scientific evidence necessitates doing so, or upon request

## Cross-Cutting Topic Advisory Groups (TAGs)

Cross-cutting TAGs provide expertise in coding practice and guidelines, as well as classification development and implementation, with responsibility to advise WHO on the utility and quality of the classification, particularly with regard to the structure, upon request. In more detail, the TAGs advise on:

- the accuracy of relationships between Foundation Component entities
- completeness of the coverage of the Foundation Component
- updates and revisions of the structure of the Foundation component to reflect new knowledge, understanding, or perspectives
- new relationships in the Foundation Component to enhance completeness
- identification of possible third party reviewers upon request
- updates proposed by other groups
- changes to completed sections of ICD-11-MMS structure where strong medical or scientific evidence necessitates doing so, or upon request
- requirements for use of ICD-11 in various Member States and clinical settings

### Revision Steering Group (RSG)

In Phase 2 of the ICD-11 Revision, the RSG will serve as a forum for the bilateral exchange of information and concerns of the TAG chairs representing the membership of TAGs, and dissemination of revision or maintenance-related general information. Membership includes the RSG Chair, all Co-Chairs of the Topic Advisory Groups for ICD-11 Revision, and all Task Force Co-Chairs, as well as the WHO-FIC Council Co-Chairs, the chairs of URC the FDC, as well as other Committee and Reference Group Co-Chairs as indicated. The group will meet by teleconference on a quarterly basis. Meetings will serve to cover:

- reporting of progress in the Foundation and ICD-11-MMS
- issues or resolutions relevant to all RSG members
- strategic reporting from the RSG-SEG
- other topics as necessary

### Organizational Observations

In order to facilitate inter-group communication and connection with the WHO-FIC Network, next year's schedule of meetings will be synchronized across the above mentioned groups.

- It is agreed that the WHO-FIC Network Annual Meeting in 2016 include at least a one-day track for a ICD-11-MMS face-to-face meeting, analogous to the Glion event.
- It is agreed that the quarterly RSG meetings be synchronized with this meeting.
- As all members of the RSG-SEG are invited to attend the JTF, RSG-SEG and JTF meetings will be scheduled to alternate so as to enable consideration of higher-level ICD-11 structural issues that may arise in the JTF.
- RSG-SEG will have teleconferences monthly on the first Thursday of the month
- JTF will have teleconferences monthly on the third Thursday of the month
- RSG will have teleconferences quarterly, on the fourth Thursday of the month