

Dermatology Topic Advisory Group

Tasks

The Dermatology TAG reviews categories in ICD that relate to dermatologic diseases. These diseases are found throughout ICD-10, though principally within Chapter 12 (Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue). The TAG also formulates definitions and diagnostic criteria for the relevant categories, and suggests changes to the classification structure.

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Progress

The Dermatology TAG is co-chaired by Dr. Robert Chalmers and Dr. Michael Weichenthal, who have been nominated by the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS). The TAG formed under consultation with the WHO.

National skin disease terminologies developed over the past two decades are being used to inform the revision process. Twelve Expert Working Groups are in the process of being set up covering: Infection and tropical diseases; Environmental dermatoses; Inflammatory dermatoses; Pigmentary disorders; Disorders of skin appendages; Non-inflammatory cutaneous vascular disorders and phlebology; Metabolic, nutritional and degenerative conditions affecting the skin; Mucosal disorders; Paediatric and genetic disorders of the skin; Disorders of cutaneous sensation and perception; Cutaneous neoplasms; and Cutaneous signs and symptoms.

Proposals for alterations to the structure (linearization) of Chapter 12 and other relevant sections of ICD are shortly to be submitted to WHO.

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