Revision of International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11)

Current Project Brief

Objectives and Background

The International Classification of Diseases (ICD) is the foundation for the identification of health trends and statistics globally. It is the international standard for defining and reporting diseases/health conditions and provides diagnostic classification standard for all clinical and research purposes. These include monitoring of the incidence and prevalence of diseases, observing reimbursements and resource allocation trends, and keeping track of safety and quality guidelines.

The ICD is being revised to better reflect progress in health sciences and medical practice. In line with advances in information technology, ICD-11 will be used with electronic health applications and information systems. Details on the overall revision process are available at http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/revision/en/. RHR functions as the Secretariat for the Genito-urinary Reproductive Medicine Technical Advisory Group serves as the planning and coordinating advisory body for the following ICD Chapters:

- Conditions related to sexual health
- Diseases of the genitourinary system
- Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium
- Certain conditions originating in the perinatal and neonatal period

Geographic location

Global scope

Main deliverables

The Genito-Urinary Reproductive Medicine Topic Advisory Group (GURM TAG) has the primary task of advising WHO in all steps throughout the revision of genitourinary, reproductive and sexual disorders chapters, in line with the overall ICD revision project. The primary tasks of the group are to:

- assist WHO in identifying, reviewing, and synthesizing the global scientific and professional literature that should be considered in the revision.
- develop protocols and implement field trials and other studies to generate evidence/experience with proposed changes in diagnostic codes/categories/criteria in line with the overall field trials process.
- advise WHO in finalizing the revisions to the GURM-related chapters

Partners

The project is led and carried out by the GURM TAG, composed of obstetricians, gynaecologists, physicians, midwives, epidemiologists, mortality and morbidity coding specialists, and representatives from the 6 WHO Regions.

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