

Queensland Coding Committee

12th February 2009

Minutes of the 199th Meeting

1. Attendees

Stephanie Ferdinands (Chair)	Statistical Standards Unit
Corrie Martin (Secretariat)	Statistical Standards Unit
Julie Turtle	Statistical Standards Unit
Ann Stewart	The Wesley Hospital
Lisette Ramsden	Toowoomba Health Service District
David Quigley	Medmin Pty Ltd
Kirsten Hinze	Gold Coast Health Service District
Meegan Snell	3M Codefinder
Kellie Marshall	Mater Health Services
Lenore Berry	Northern Area Health Service
James Chippendale	HBCIS Application Specialist
Debbie Abbott	Resolutionsint

Guest

Belinda Lai	Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
Sue Evans	Ipswich Hospital
Janet Quinn	Ipswich Hospital
Vivian Rodgers	Ipswich Hospital
Jennifer D'arcy	Ipswich Hospital
Tracy Bich	Ipswich Hospital
Ingrid Elgar	Ipswich Hospital
Tammy Reese	Ipswich Hospital

2. Apologies

Kym Wimberley	Gympie Hospital
Sophia Ovchinnikoff	Clinical Information Management, Information Division
Tracey Matthies	Sunshine Coast and Cooloola Health Service District
Jenny Nicol	Queensland University of Technology
Ruth Curnow	Rockhampton Hospital
Lilian Vu	PA Hospital

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- November 08 QCC Minutes
- November 08 QCC Queries
- December 08 QCC Minutes
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J. Turtle identified several items for amendment in all minutes and queries listed above. S. Ferdinands advised that these amendments will be made, and the documents will be sent out to be ratified out of session before the March 09 QCC.

Action:

- S. Ferdinands to make amendments and redistribute to QCC members for ratification out of session.

4. Quality Hour Discussion Forum

There was no quality hour presentation this month. K. Hinze nominated to present at the March 2009 meeting.

Action:

- K. Hinze to present the Quality Hour discussion at the 12 March 2009 QCC meeting.

5. Business Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting

5.1 VLAD Update

K. Sketcher-Baker was unable to attend the February meeting, however, an update was provided. This information will also be published in E-bulletin Vol 20 which will be released in February.

1) January release of the VLADs

There will be a change in the January 2009 release of VLADs to remove older data. The starting date of all VLADs will be revised with one year of the oldest data being removed from the data set. Indicators derived from the QHAPDC data set will start at 1st July 2005 and indicators derived from the Perinatal Data Collection will start at 1st January 2005. Despite one year of old data being removed, the case numbers on the graph and in the data sheet remain the same as in the previous releases of graphs. Please contact Kirstine Sketcher-Baker on (07) 3636 9871 if you have any questions.

2) Final date for changes to the 2007/2008 QHAPDC data for VLADs

Changes made to the 2007/2008 Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) relating to the VLADs will be accepted by the Data Collections Unit until Friday 31st January 2009. These changes will be reflected in updated VLADs. Any changes are required to be submitted manually using additional information or screen dumps for each of the episodes via Data Collections Unit. Please contact your Data Collections Contact Officer for assistance.

3) VLADs for Dummies

The Clinical Monitoring Team, Justin Collins, Dr Don Martin and Dr Maarten Kamp have provided VLAD Dummies education sessions throughout Queensland in recent months, with more to be scheduled early 2009. The workshops were designed to provide an overview of the VLAD Methodology, Clinical Indicator review and refinement, conducting and reporting on VLAD reviews and presenting various issues VLADs detected at various hospitals. It was also an opportunity to promote the reference book 'VLADs for Dummies' which was written by Queensland Health. For a copy of the book please contact a member of the Clinical Monitoring Team.

4) Further information

For further information pertaining to VLADs please refer to the website:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/quality/vlad.asp> or contact us at
VLAD_Queries@health.qld.gov.au or (07) 3636 9871.

5.2 HBCIS Update

J. Chippendale from the HBCIS team at InfoOperations gave the HBCIS update to the QCC. J. Chippendale reported that HBCIS 6.1 software release will be deployed at Beta 2 test site Nambour on the 24/02/09 and full release will be deployed to all sites between the 10th and 27th of March 2009. J. Chippendale advised he would send the HBCIS 6.1 Software release outline document to S. Ferdinands so that it can be distributed to QCC. Face to Face and Videoconference HBCIS 6.1 Overview Sessions to be held 18/02/09.

J. Chippendale advised that E. Skubis has resigned from Queensland Health and the HBCIS Team on the 13/02/09. E. Skubis will be moving to a new role at iSOFT. Leanne Kent will now be acting HBCIS Team Leader.

J. Chippendale noted that the Incomplete Coding Flag Enhancement will need to be developed further in order to be ready for the September HBCIS release. L. Ramsden advised that Ipswich had additional information they would like to see in the incomplete coding flag. J. Chippendale asked for these to be emailed through. S. Ferdinands asked to be CC'd into this email. In addition to this, MRIC and OCOI Enhancement will need to be discussed further. An enhancement will be coming out in June for long stays

patients where activity files can be extracted and inpatient episodes that have been discharged are flagged.

J. Chippendale noted the following June Enhancements:

3M - ACHI and TM identifier changes

HQI - Linking baby birth and mother's delivery episodes.

HQI - Private Health Fund Code

HQI - Non discharged patients extract

HQI – Add AROC activity to HQI

Monthly Activity Reporting (MAR) / PH1 – Send MAR/PH1 for facilities with zero inpatient activity.

Action Items – February 2009 Meeting

- J. Chippendale to send S. Ferdinands the new HQI enhancement request & HBCIS 6.1 release summary
- S. Ferdinands to forward HQI enhancement request and HBCIS 6.1 release summary to QCC for review

5.3 CSAC Update

C. Martin informed the committee that the next CSAC meeting is scheduled for 20 February 2009 in Sydney. There were a number of addenda/documents up for discussion. C. Martin confirmed that members had received these documents and asked members to provide their comments by COB Friday 13 February as per the email request.

5.4 PICQ Update

The PICQ 2008 program was released for purchase by the NCCH on 27 October 2008. This version of PICQ contains a series of indicators that analyse admitted patient hospital morbidity data coded with ICD-10-AM 6th edition and the Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 6th Edition. PICQ reports were previously run quarterly by the Health Statistics Centre and were distributed to facilities via email.

The Health Statistics Centre (HSC), Centre for Healthcare Improvement (CHI), has purchased a state wide licence for Performance Indicators for Coding Quality (PICQ) 2008 from the National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH).

The HSC will be providing PICQ 2008 **free** to all public and private Hospitals and Health Service Districts that provide coded hospital morbidity data to Queensland Health.

All Queensland hospitals (Public and Private) that supply Queensland Health with coded morbidity data are eligible to obtain PICQ 2008.

S. Ferdinands advised that a roll out plan for PICQ 2008 is being put together, which will include procedures and License agreement for PICQ 2008 and a communication strategy. As part of the communication strategy of the roll out plan there will be a Memo/email notification to DM's, HIMRG & QCC advising that PICQ 2008 is available; notice will be posted on the Queensland Coding Committee website.

5.5 Clinical Coder Workforce Project

S. Ferdinands advised that R. Rule was not able to attend this QCC meeting, but had sent through an email update to be provided to the QCC. S. Ferdinands read R. Rule's email update, which reported that successful meetings with union representatives have resolved a number of items that will be part of the Coder review package now that EB7 has been certified. R. Rule reported in the email that he expects a process to be rolled out in the coming months. R. Rule also noted in the email he would like to send some preliminary documentation in the next few weeks which he would like distributed to the group. S. Ferdinands agreed to distribute this documentation to the group once it is received.

Action

- S. Ferdinands to distribute preliminary documentation to the QCC once it is received from R. Rule

6 Other Business

6.1 Code Sequencing (external and morphology codes)

S. Ferdinands noted that as discussed in previous meetings, the decision to review the practice of code sequencing from QHAPDC will be held off until the HSC have reviewed George Bodilsen's paper. S. Ferdinands noted that this paper had not yet been released. When the paper is released, C. Martin will table the paper at QCC if appropriate. C. Martin reiterated that QCC will not proceed with any changes to code sequencing until it is known how the AIHW plan to address code sequencing.

Some QCC members noted that coders are not following the QHAPDC in regards to sequencing and noted that the examples in the QHAPDC were confusing. There was discussion about the differences in private/public reporting of sequencing. C. Martin advised that sequencing should be followed as per the QHAPDC manual.

6.2 Procedures normally not coded

S. Ferdinands noted that at the November meeting, QCC members were going to email suggestions for procedures not normally coded so they could be collated and forwarded to D. Abbott. S. Ferdinands thanked J. Turtle for providing suggestions including TTE,

IV and arterial lines, and SVD. D. Abbott advised she will liaise with other facilities to formulate this list as well.

Action

- QCC members to forward ideas for procedures not normally coded to S. Ferdinands, who will collate and forward to D. Abbott.

6.3 Cancelled Procedures

This item was not discussed at the February meeting. S. Ferdinands noted that this agenda item was originally raised by D. Pratt, and at the October meeting the committee was waiting on feedback from D. Pratt to progress this agenda item. S. Ferdinands advised the committee that she will follow up with D. Pratt in relation to this issue.

Action

- S. Ferdinands to follow up with D. Pratt

6.4 Incomplete Coding Flag

This agenda item was discussed during J. Chippendale's presentation on agenda item 5.2 HBCIS Update, earlier in the meeting.

6.5 Action Items

All outstanding agenda items for 2008 were forwarded to QCC members prior to the meeting. This agenda item was not discussed further.

6.6 Renal Dialysis

This item was not discussed at the meeting as QCC are waiting for FAQs to be released.

6.7 Additional Diagnosis Flowchart & Incidental Findings Article

S. Ferdinands advised that the Additional Diagnosis flow chart and the Incidental Findings article will not be distributed as per QCC members' requests. S. Ferdinands advised that the committee need to consider how to proceed with this, particularly in the case of the Incidental Findings article where an agreed State approach to coding Incidental findings will be needed. S. Ferdinands asked members to forward their suggestions and ideas via email. D. Abbott asked S. Ferdinands to forward the Incidental Findings article.

Action

- S. Ferdinands to forward the incidental findings article to D. Abbott.

6.8 Electronic Discharge Summary (EDS)

L. Ramsden noted that each facility will be able to create their own PD list for the EDS. Adding that this list could be put together by looking at the frequency based for PD and PP in the hospital. There will also be a free text option. The record still needs to be viewed to complete the coding for the record. M. Snell asked if anyone was aware of the limit to the number of PD's on the list in the EDS. K. Hinze advised there were 100 items on the current list. L. Ramsden noted that this list could probably be derived by looking at the frequency of top DRG and PD's. K. Hinze added that the Gold Coast Hospital only uses free text. J. Turtle commented that the drop down menu could be misleading and result in incorrect allocation of PD. C. Martin noted that there are places for SNOMED and places for the classification.

6.9 'S' codes used to add additional information to 'T' codes

S. Ferdinands noted that the action item from previous meetings was for C. Martin to investigate implementing a warning edit for T81.2. C. Martin advised that this is still being investigated. In addition, SSU will write a Codefile article on S&T codes. S. Ferdinands advised that she will try to include this in the next Codefile.

6.10 Proposed Site visit schedule

S. Ferdinands noted that site visits have been confirmed for Feb 2009 for:

- Rockhampton
- Gladstone
- Mackay
- Redcliffe
- Caboolture
- PA

Site Visits have been confirmed for March:

- Prince Charles
- Redland
- QEII
- Logan

Site Visit confirmed for June:

- Toowoomba

L. Berry asked about site visits for Northern area. M. Snell advised that she could go to Cairns, Townsville and Mt Isa on Friday 5th of July.

6.11 QLD State Edits: Consideration of maintenance and justification of variation (11.30 am)

C. Martin noted that there is a need to provide justification for changes to the edits, including governance around variation (i.e. sex edits, age edits, etc.) C. Martin noted that the edits should be amended at the source, i.e. with AIHW. New edits will be

coming out in March and April, so QCC will need to decide how we communicate to AIHW.

6.12 Continuation of Premature Rupture of Membranes discussion

S. Ferdinands noted that during the October meeting there was discussion regarding the introduction of a new PROM edit and since then it has been decided that the PROM edit will not go ahead. S. Ferdinands asked QCC members if this agenda item can now be removed from the agenda. QCC members agreed this agenda item could be removed from the agenda.

Action

S. Ferdinands to remove agenda item 6.12 from future agendas.

6.13 NCCH query in regards to our query on Central venous and arterial lines Vol 15 Page 5 (11.40 am)

S. Ferdinands advised the committee that the original query sent by QCC, and the NCCH response on the Central Venous and Arterial lines was collated and forwarded to the committee for review and comment. D. Quigley noted that the lines are not integral to the procedure but rather with after the procedure. J. Turtle observed that they are a component. D. Abbott commented that it is usually captured as procedure not normally coded. D. Quigley mentioned that Swan-Ganz lines are quite complicated and quite a step up in care. D. Abbot noted that costing out for the DRG, you need to take the view of average cost and resources. C. Martin commented that treatment protocol and documentation must be sufficient, if they are putting it in just to give antibiotics prophylactically, then you would not code, however if it is to treat something new, then code it. J. Turtle stated that we need rules around these lines. D. Abbot said that there are a lot of coders who don't know the treatment protocol. D. Quigley remarked that if procedure attracts MBS, often the member would have to pay. K. Marshall gave an example of chemotherapy, would you code the PICC? The committee agreed that PICC should be coded in that case. QCC members agreed to send what they would like to see in a Codefile about this, to S. Ferdinands.

Action Item:

- QCC members agreed to send what they would like to see in a Codefile about this, to S. Ferdinands.

6.14 Clinical Service Capability Framework

C. Martin advised she is currently investigating which public hospitals can perform which procedures, so that if hospitals send in a procedure not on the List of Procedures that a hospital is registered to do, it will fail validation and the facility would receive an edit. At the moment, governance around the framework for CSCF is not very strong and

processes around this needs to be created. C. Martin advised she is meeting with the CSCF representatives in late February. C. Martin advised the committee that in the meantime, facilities will continue to get edits on those procedures that are not listed on the current allowed procedures list for that facility.

7 CAEU Update

C. Martin advised the committee that the Coding Auditors reports are still being written. C. Martin clarified that no audits will start until the completion of all outstanding reports.

8 3M Codefinder Update

S. Ferdinands advised that testing has been completed for Codefinder V5.0.1 and roll out commenced on the week beginning 9/02/09. If any members do not have the new version of Codefinder please let S. Ferdinands know.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Incoming

9.1.1

QCC_ID	Query summary
0209-01	Incorrect drug given in hospital
0209-02	Diabetes with - Index Issue
0209-03	Fournier's Gangrene
0209-04	Hereditary non polyposis colon cancer
0209-05	Alcohol Related Disease
0209-06	Coding PROM
0209-07	Standards - Coding Test Results
0209-08	Complication of Pregnancy
0209-09	Coding Intrathecal Pump Refill

9.1.2 NCCH Response to QCC queries

Response was received on the Incidental Findings Article and the Additional Diagnosis Flowchart.

9.1.3 Correspondence to the Committee

S. Ferdinands advised members that D. Pratt has sent an email advising of her resignation from the Committee. In addition, there have been email and phone requests for QCC membership. S. Ferdinands advised the committee that membership can be applied for after the release of an EOI. S. Ferdinands also noted that at present, QCC membership is based on individual ability/skills. However there had been some queries regarding hospital type based membership, where the QCC membership is owned by the hospital rather than the individual.

S. Ferdinands also asked the QCC to review the existing TOR particularly the section defining membership, numbers of members, scope of abilities/skills of members for the QCC.

Action

- S. Ferdinands to email QCC the TOR for review.

9.2 Outgoing

9.2.1 QCC Queries to the NCCH
Nil

9.2.2 QCC Grouper Anomalies to DoHA
Nil

9.2.3 Correspondence from the Committee
Nil

10 Next Meeting

Next QCC meeting is on the 19th March 2009. This meeting will be held at the QHB level 3 Video conference room. S. Ferdinands noted that this meeting will mark the 200th meeting of the QCC and as such there will be an afternoon tea and past members will be invited.

11 Closure of Meeting

Meeting ended at 3.00 pm