

Queensland Coding Committee

11th December 2008

Minutes of the One Hundred and Ninety Eighth Meeting

1. Attendees

Stephanie Ferdinands (Chair)	Statistical Standards Unit
Corrie Martin	Statistical Standards Unit
Julie Turtle	Statistical Standards Unit
Kym Wimberley	Gympie Hospital
Belinda Lai	Toowoomba Health Service District
Ann Stewart	The Wesley Hospital
Sophia Ovchinnikoff	Clinical Information Management, Information Division
Jenny Nicol	Queensland University of Technology
Lisette Ramsden	Toowoomba Health Services District
Kellie Marshall	Mater Health Services
Meegan Snell	3M Representative
Derelle Pratt	Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
Sophia Ovchinnikoff	Clinical Information Management, Information Division
Debbie Abbott	Resolutionsint
Dr David Quigley	Medmin Pty Ltd
James Chippendale	HBCIS Team

Guests

Rob Lawes	InfoOperations – Application Specialist: Codefinder
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2. Apologies

Lenore Berry	Northern Area Health Service
Elisabeth Skubis	InfoOperations, Information Division
Tracey Matthies	Sunshine Coast and Cooloola Health Service District
Kirsten Hinze	Gold Coast Hospital
Ruth Curnow	Rockhampton Hospital

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

QCC October 08 Queries were confirmed as true and correct by Kellie Marshall and Kym Wimberley.

QCC November 08 Minutes require a change to section 6.8. S. Ferdinands advised confirmation from R. Rule has been requested to ensure the write up on his presentation on the Clinical Coder Work Value Project in the November QCC minutes is accurate. Once this write up is confirmed and section 6.8 has been amended, the minutes will be re-distributed for ratification.

S. Ferdinands reminded QCC members that there were 5 outstanding QCC November 08 Queries. These were not addressed at the November meeting as there was not a quorum to adequately provide comments/suggestions. These will roll over and be

addressed at this meeting. Once we have a meeting response to all QCC November Queries they will be distributed for ratification.

ACTION ITEMS:

- S. Ferdinands to amend November queries and distribute for ratification at the February 2009 meeting

4. Quality Hour Discussion Forum

A Quality Hour Discussion topic had not been planned for the meeting. However there was a discussion during this time slot regarding eHealth Foundation (information) Implementation Team (eFIT) and the Electronic Discharge Summary (EDS). The EDS was not on the Agenda for the December QCC meeting. This discussion was minuted.

QCC members discussed their query of whether the EDS will become the only discharge summary. J. Turtle asked if this was the case should the Principal Diagnosis free text field be mandatory. S. Ovchinnikoff advised that it is up to each individual facility to determine how this should be adopted. C. Martin clarified that we could make recommendations but we can't make recommendations mandatory. D. Pratt noted that clinicians may be reluctant to complete multiple discharge summary documents and may be more likely to complete the mandatory fields only. S. Ovchinnikoff noted that Doctors don't use the drop down list, and the drop down list was not designed for coding purposes, rather it was for clinical systems only. C. Martin noted that the discharge summary has always been used for coding and it is advised in the coding standards to use it for coding. QCC members agreed that the discharge summary forms should be acknowledged as having a secondary purpose, that is clinical coding, and this should be taken into consideration.

5. Business Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting

5.1 VLAD Update

No VLAD update this month as K. Sketcher-Baker was unable to attend.

5.2 HBCIS Update

J. Chippendale presented the following update from the HBCIS team to the QCC.

The Qbuild to fix software defects post HBCIS 6.0.2 Software Release was deployed on the 8/12/08. The Qbuild seems to have fixed the HQI issue. The issue was that MRIC & OCOI data was not being stored in the HQI history files. This became apparent when the Initialise Admissions data function was run followed by the next HQI Extract. The Extract process would have gathered the ICD Coding details from the MED-REC file (including MRIC & OCOI flags) and compared this against what was stored in the HQI history file (HQI.SENT). Since the MRIC & OCOI flags were not stored in the HQI history file, the extract would have seen this as a change and therefore reported all identified episodes as requiring re-extraction. Hence the enormous files at RBWH and other sites.

The Incomplete Coding Flag enhancement will need to be discussed further before it will be ready for the June 2009 HBCIS release.

The due date for inclusion of enhancements for the June Release is the 19th of January 2009.

The ICD coding Edits functionality will apply for patients discharged on or after 10 Mar 2009 for:

1. New warning edits will be applied when newborn, rehabilitation or palliative episodes are coded without expected outcome codes :
2. All Errors will display a unique error code

The PICQ extract logic will be enhanced to include the Coder Id and select coded and grouped discharges within the start and end dates on the PICQ download screen.

ACTION ITEMS:

- S. Ferdinands to forward J. Chippendale QCC response/suggestions for the Incomplete Coding Flag

5.3 CSAC Update

C. Martin noted the CSAC diabetes article had been forwarded onto QCC prior to the December 08 meeting for members review and comments. C. Martin noted that she had some suggestions for the document and asked QCC members to forward their feedback to her by Tuesday COB of next week.

ACTION ITEMS:

- QCC members to forward feedback to C. Martin by Tuesday COB next week.

5.4 PICQ Update

C. Martin advised QCC that the business case for the purchase of PICQ 2008 was completed and approved. As a result the Statistical Standards Unit (SSU) was granted the funding to purchase the PICQ 2008 Licence. This will mean that PICQ 2008 will be available for use by facilities to run over coded hospital morbidity data themselves, prior to submission. A roll out plan is being put together by SSU. The purchase request has been submitted but the product/licence has not been received.

C. Martin noted that facilities would be able to request their copy of PICQ 2008 via email in the first instance, however a strategy enabling direct download from the QCC website/Coders InSite website would be ideal. User agreements would need to be signed by all facilities looking to obtain PICQ 2008. J. Nicol asked if it would be possible for QUT to obtain a copy of the product for training and education purposes. C. Martin noted that the licence was limited to facilities that provide coded hospital morbidity data to Queensland Health and considering this it is unlikely we would be able to provide a copy of the product to QUT. However C. Martin advised she would look into this further and confirm.

ACTION ITEMS:

- C. Martin to confirm if QUT can access the product for education and training purposes.

5.5 Clinical Coder Workforce Project

S. Ferdinands advised that R. Rule was unavailable for the December QCC meeting. At the November meeting R. Rule requested volunteers to form a group to assist and provide advice on the development of a process and mechanism that is robust, transparent and legitimate for the purpose of defining what constitutes an AO4. QCC members advised that they had contacted R. Rule directly to volunteer for this group. J. Turtle noted that following the November QCC meeting a group was formed and met with R. Rule to discuss the criteria and mechanism for moving AO3 –AO4.

J. Turtle noted that coders who have been coding in their current position for greater than 2 years and meet approved competency are eligible to apply for direct appointment once directive for implementation is approved. Others including new and trainee coders would be required to have coded in their current position for 2 years before being able to seek direct appointment but any coder can apply at any time for open merit selection.

6 Other Business

6.1 Code Sequencing (external and morphology codes)

The agenda item was held over until the February 2009 Meeting

6.2 Procedures normally not coded

The agenda item was held over until the February 2009 Meeting

6.3 Cancelled Procedures

The agenda item was held over until the February 2009 Meeting

6.4 Incomplete Coding Flag

J. Chippendale noted during the HBCIS update, that further discussion is needed on the Incomplete Coding Flag enhancement before it will be ready for the June 2009 HBCIS release. J. Chippendale advised that he did not have a copy of the QCC suggestions for the Incomplete Coding Flag enhancement previously sent through to the HBCIS team. S. Ferdinands advised she would re-send this to J. Chippendale.

ACTION ITEMS:

- S. Ferdinands to resend the QCC suggestions on the Incomplete Coding Flag to J. Chippendale.

Action Items

QCC reviewed the action items from the November QCC Meeting.

Ref. No	Date	Section of Minutes	Action Item	Responsible	Status
AI 97	13-Nov-08	3.0 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting	S. Ferdinands to amend October queries and distribute via email before the December QCC Meeting	S. Ferdinands	Complete
AI 98	13-Nov-08	5.2 HBCIS Update	J. Chippendale to advise S. Ferdinands if the inpatient ICD coding edit specifications are available for QCC members to review.	J. Chippendale & S. Ferdinands	Complete
AI 99	13-Nov-08	5.5 Clinical Coder Workforce Project	QCC members to send S. Ferdinands an email if they would like to volunteer for R. Rule's group to put together the mechanism	S. Ferdinands	Complete by default - QCC members contacted R. Rule directly
AI 100	13-Nov-08	6.1 Code Sequencing (external and morphology codes)	C. Martin to forward findings on code sequencing to K. Hinze.	C. Martin	Roll over to February meeting
AI 101	13-Nov-08	6.2 Procedures normally not coded	QCC members to put together examples of what they would routinely code in procedures not normally coded.	QCC Members	Roll over to February meeting

AI 102	13-Nov-08	6.7 Additional Diagnosis Flowchart & Incidental Findings Article	S. Ferdinands to forward on the Additional Diagnosis Flow Chart for coders to start using	S. Ferdinands	** Following interim email discussion between QCC members prior to the December meeting, QCC decided that the Additional Diagnosis Flowchart and Incidental Findings article require significant review **
AI 103	13-Nov-08	6.7 Additional Diagnosis Flowchart & Incidental Findings Article	K. Wimberley to write up the Incidental Findings article as a series of queries for NCCH review.	K. Wimberley	Complete
AI 104	13-Nov-08	6.8 Electronic Discharge Summary	K. Hinze agreed to email the list to C. Martin to be taken to the next DSAC meeting.	K. Hinze	Roll over to February meeting

6.6 Renal Dialysis

The agenda item was held over until the February 2009 Meeting

6.7 Additional Diagnosis Flowchart & Incidental Findings Article

The agenda item was held over until the February 2009 Meeting

6.8 Electronic Discharge Summary

The agenda item was held over until the February 2009 Meeting

6.9 Coding S & T Codes

The agenda item was held over until the February 2009 Meeting

6.10 Proposed Site Visits

C. Martin advised that the frequency of site visits for 3M Codefinder have been drafted and will be sent out to QCC members.

Action Item:

- C. Martin to forward site visit frequency to QCC members for review.

6.11 Qld State Edits

C. Martin lead discussion on the consideration for maintenance and justification of variation in QLD state edits. C. Martin noted that more rigour needed to be built around this as we have to update every time another edition comes around.

There was discussion on the application of these Fatal edits on diseases like measles and the suggestion was to amend edits like this from Fatal to Warning. C. Martin noted that at current, Fatal edits for disease codes are released by AIHW. Current Queensland Health practice is to amend the edits, like the one for measles, from Fatal to Warning at our end. However C. Martin noted a change in practice has been suggested to make these amendments at the source. This would mean rather than amend these

edits at Queensland Health end, the suggestions for edit type change (i.e. change edit from Fatal to Warning and vice versa) are reported to AIHW for review and consideration for amendment at the source. QCC members agreed with this suggested change in practice.

7 CAEU Update

C. Martin advised the committee that work continues on all outstanding audit reports. C. Martin clarified that no further audits will start until the completion of all outstanding reports.

8 3M Codefinder Update

S. Ferdinands advised that testing was completed for Codefinder V4.9.3 and roll out should now be completed. S. Ferdinands asked Committee members to check they were using this new version and if not to give her a call. S. Ferdinands noted that in this version there will be no pathway amendments, however Errata and Multi facility notes have been added in. There is also a new option to change Prefix, giving the users the option of whether to have OCOI/MRIC allocation indicators appear in the prefix option list during coding, as well as this there are now fact sheets (produced by Qld Health) on how to change prefix, and using shared facility notes.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Incoming

9.1.1 QCC queries

The following queries were held over from the November 2008 meeting, where there was not adequate number of members present (i.e. quorum) to make decision/provide advice on these queries.

1108-08	Mendelson's Syndrome
1108-09	Admission for Insulin Pump
1108-11	External Cause Codes
1108-13	NCCH Workshop handout & Coding Matters Vol. 15 No. 2 Page 8
1108-14	RSV bronchiolitis with NG feeding

9.1.2 NCCH Response to QCC queries

Nil

9.1.3 Correspondence to the Committee

Nil

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 12 February 2008. Ipswich Hospital has kindly volunteered to host this QCC meeting. Details in regards to the room location at the Ipswich hospital will be confirmed and released in early 2009.

11 Closure of Meeting

Meeting closed at 12.30 pm