

Queensland Coding Committee

19th March 2009

Minutes of the 200th Meeting

1. Attendees

Stephanie Ferdinands (Chair)	Statistical Standards Unit
Corrie Martin (Secretariat)	Statistical Standards Unit
Melanie Scott	Statistical Standards Unit
Julie Turtle	Statistical Standards Unit
Ann Stewart	The Wesley Hospital
Kirsten Hinze	Gold Coast Health Service District
Meegan Snell	3M Codefinder
Kellie Marshall	Mater Health Services
James Chippendale	HBCIS Application Specialist
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

Guest

Noriah Binh Bidin	WHO Fellow, Malaysia
Nora Borhan Norfilsatun	WHO Fellow, Malaysia
Julia Marshall	CPIC
Andrea Chitakis	Health Statistics Centre

2. Apologies

Debbie Abbott	Resolutionsint
Lisette Ramsden	Toowoomba Health Service District
Lenore Berry	Northern Area Health Service
David Quigley	Medmin Pty Ltd

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- November 08 QCC Minutes – Ratified out of session

- December 08 QCC Minutes - Ratified out of session
- December 08 QCC Queries - Not ratified
- November 08 QCC Queries - Not ratified
- February 09 QCC Queries – Not ratified
- February 09 QCC minutes - Not ratified

S. Ferdinands acknowledged that the amended February 09 Minutes and Queries were sent out at late notice and asked the committee members if they would prefer more time to review the minutes and queries before ratifying. Committee members agreed to ratify out of session. K. Marshall noted that December and November Queries were not received by members for ratification. S. Ferdinands commented that she thought these had been sent out with the minutes and apologised for the error. S. Ferdinands advised that these queries will be emailed out to members after this meeting and for ratification out of session.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
February	QCC members to send through comments and feedback re: Nov & Dec minutes and queries for ratification out of session	Nov & Dec Minutes - ratified Nov & Dec Queries – Not ratified
March	S. Ferdinands to send out the Nov & Dec Queries meeting responses to QCC members for ratification out of session	
March	QCC members to review the February minutes and queries for ratification out of session	

4. Quality Hour Discussion Forum

Quality hour was presented by K. Hinze and the topic was Theatre and ED Compass project. K. Hinze presented a PowerPoint of this. Compass is a web based reporting system, run using Microsoft Access. It allows for benchmarking against USA, UK and Australia. ED Compass has pilot sites at the Gold Coast and Prince Charles to maintain emergency department efficiency, staff demand and reducing Hospital-by-pass.

C. Martin asked about the timeliness of the data used in this system. K. Hinze noted that it would be weekly but would depend on coding and processing times. J. Turtle inquired about the users' access to coding standards. K. Hinze answered that she would play a role in assisting in reading the reports in relation to the code use. T. Matthies asked whether users with a clinical coding background would assist with formulating the reports, by selecting the correct/appropriate codes to be used.

J. Turtle asked if the size of the benchmarking unit grows to assist with this tool. K. Hinze advised this would not be the case. C. Martin noted the importance of clinicians getting the right codes and thus the right information when reading the reports.

M. Snell asked about providing data to the US by server and the security measures around this. K. Hinze noted that there were security measures in place and all data is de-identified before it goes to the US.

J. Turtle asked about the flexibility of the system to account for the development of new technologies and techniques.

5. Business Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting

5.1 VLAD Update

The VLAD update was presented by J. Marshall. J. Marshall ran through a PowerPoint presentation explaining the review that the VLADs team are currently undertaking of 29 indicators currently used. J. Marshall advised that there is a new system trying to address feedback in relation to the review of these indicators. This is a web enabled charting option indicator review. The new system will capture hospital, Clinical Monitoring Team, Central Clinical Governance Unit and Patient Safety & Quality Board feedback in relation to flagged VLADs.

Some indicators currently being reviewed include Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, complications of surgery. This indicator has been suspended because it was not picking up 'true' complications and there were issues surrounding possible disincentive for concise documentation. Orthopaedic Indicators are also being reviewed as there is variability across facilities. Paediatric tonsillectomy has arisen as a consistency issue and is being reviewed. State-wide Maternity and Neonatal Clinical Network and VLAD working group are reviewing current risk adjustment and exploring reinstating perineal tears and commencing a new episiotomy indicator.

J. Marshall noted the VLAD team are very appreciative of coding expertise/feedback, in particular regarding the risk adjusters or any other aspect of the methodology. J. Marshall welcomed feedback and anyone interested in helping with the indicator review, please contact Julia_Marshall@health.qld.gov.au or VLAD_Queries@health.qld.gov.au

5.2 HBCIS Update

J. Chippendale from the HBCIS team at InfoOperations presented the HBCIS update to the QCC.

J. Chippendale reported that the ICD Inpatient Coding Edits and the HBCIS PICQ Report enhancements were successfully deployed in March 2009. J. Chippendale

thanked the pilot site Nambour, especially Tracey, Kym, Erin and Lewis for their wonderful assistance.

J. Chippendale thanked C. Martin for distributing the draft Incomplete Coding Flag Enhancement Request. Please feedback any input by the 6 April 2009.

J. Chippendale noted that the deadline for enhancement request submissions for the September HBCIS release is the 20 April 2009.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
February	J. Chippendale to send S. Ferdinands the new HQI enhancement request & HBCIS 6.1 release summary	Complete
February	S. Ferdinands to forward HQI enhancement request and HBCIS 6.1 release summary to QCC for review	Complete

5.3 CSAC Update

C. Martin presented the CSAC Update and thanked QCC for reviewing and providing feedback on various CSAC papers. C. Martin advised that she will provide to the QCC a write up on the list of papers that were passed and those that are going back for review.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
March	C. Martin to send out to the committee an update on CSAC papers	Will report at April QCC meeting

5.4 PICQ Update

S. Ferdinands advised that PICQ 2008™ has arrived. Testing will now be completed to ensure that the procedures are clear and accurate before commencing with a roll out of the product. PICQ 2008™ will be available for download via the QCC or Coders InSite Website in the near future.

5.5 Clinical Coder Workforce Project

S. Ferdinands advised that R. Rule has not forwarded any preliminary documentation for the committee to review at this point in time. J. Turtle noted that R. Rule is waiting for content to be ratified before the papers can be sent out.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
February	S. Ferdinands to distribute preliminary	Hold over to next meeting

	documentation to the QCC once it is received from R. Rule	as we have not received any further information from R. Rule
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6 Other Business

6.1 Code Sequencing (external and morphology codes)

This agenda item was not discussed at the meeting.

6.2 Procedures normally not coded

S. Ferdinands advised that ideas for Procedures Not Normally Coded had been received from J. Turtle and have been provided to D. Abbott. S. Ferdinands asked the committee to send through more ideas to the QCC generic email and these will be sent onto D. Abbott. K. Hinze asked if it would be possible for D. Abbott to forward the list as it currently stands so as to reduce duplication of work. S. Ferdinands agreed to contact D. Abbott to request an existing list of Procedures Not Normally Coded and to forward this to the committee.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
February	QCC members to forward ideas for Procedures Not Normally Coded to S. Ferdinands, who will collate and forward to D. Abbott.	Hold over to next meeting
March	S. Ferdinands to liaise with D. Abbott to obtain a current list of procedures not normally coded	

6.3 Cancelled Procedures

S. Ferdinands noted that this agenda item was originally raised by D. Pratt, who has since resigned from the committee. S. Ferdinands advised that she will follow up with D. Pratt on any work done so far in regards to this agenda item. K. Hinze asked if the work that D. Pratt had done on Cancelled Procedures was ever tabled as D. Pratt had sent information on this agenda item to herself and M. Snell. This information detailed where D. Pratt had gone through the standard and put in extra subsections. J. Turtle noted that D. Pratt was going to forward this on, but also did describe in detail at the meeting and it was based around the reasons for the cancellations. M. Snell commented that she may still have a copy of this document sent through from D. Pratt. S. Ferdinands asked for a copy of this document and advised that she would also follow up with D. Pratt.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
February	S. Ferdinands to follow up with D. Pratt	Hold over to next meeting

6.4 Incomplete Coding Flag

S. Ferdinands advised that C. Martin sent out the proposal for the Incomplete Coding Flag for final review and comment earlier in the week. This is in the final stages and ready to be released in the September HBCIS roll out.

S. Ferdinands advised that the list that QCC had already agreed on had been forwarded to J. Chippendale previously, but further comment and feedback were welcome. S. Ferdinands asked to be CC'd into any feedback emails. J. Chippendale noted that he adopted some of the ideas from this list. K. Hinze asked if it would be possible to have a comments section, so that if there is a definition of, for example, 'other', that it can be further specified. J. Chippendale asked if this would be a free text field to add a comment and that this comment would show up on the report as well. J. Turtle noted that this detail would be important for the person working in this area to determine how much effort they need to extend and how frequently these need to be investigated.

J. Chippendale confirmed that once he had received all the final comments he would update the request and redistribute to S. Ferdinands to send out to QCC.

J. Turtle mentioned that Rhonda Carol from the Alfred, one of the speakers at the NCCH conference, stated that she had an internal auditing tool that also captures incomplete records and where the chart is up too. The Alfred had one case where they were able to record that an insufficient code had been used for burns as well as the reason that they didn't have the access to the documentation because it was with the coroner. So within the auditing tool they were able to record the T code and add that it was a coroner's case so they knew why it was incomplete and where the documentation would be. They knew they would have to go back and re-code and regroup once all information was available.

6.5 Action Items

S. Ferdinands stated that she has trialled a new method of presenting action items, within the minutes so that they can be followed up at the time the relevant agenda item is being discussed. S. Ferdinands noted that she will continue to prepare the spreadsheet of action items if the Committee members find it valuable. J. Turtle confirmed that both would be good, noting that the spreadsheet of action items was very useful as it allowed people to easily find their name and identify any outstanding action items to follow up. S. Ferdinands will prepare the action item list for next meeting.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
February	S. Ferdinands to prepare the action item spreadsheet	Hold over to next meeting

6.7 Additional Diagnosis Flowchart & Incidental Findings Article

It was confirmed that the Incidental Findings Article will be forwarded to the NCCH as examples and K. Wimberley agreed to put this together.

The Additional Diagnosis Flowchart has been ratified and should be uploaded onto the QCC Coders InSite website, for utilisation within Queensland.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
March	S. Ferdinands to post the ratified Additional Diagnosis Flowchart and upload onto the QCC website.	
March	S. Ferdinands to send K. Wimberley the final version of the Incidental Findings Article	

6.8 Electronic Discharge Summary

K. Hinze reported that facilities are working on putting together a top 10 discharge diagnosis. T. Matthies commented that some hospitals are doing a top 20 for each unit. K. Hinze has reported to the EDS co-ordinator that she was not happy with this as it could potentially drop codesets. The EDS co-ordinator is recommending not having a drop down list and also removing the auto text field. C. Martin mentioned that this would be a perfect opportunity for SNOMED to be utilised.

C. Martin noted the Computer Assisted Coding Product, interfaced with Codefinder was discussed and presented at the 3M user group meeting at the NCCH conference. This project is not ready for Australian use yet and uses ICD-9-CM, but it is a very interesting concept and something to keep in mind for the future. The product will take the load off coders, particularly for the day only episodes. The product allows you to parse electronic documents and identify key terms and will allow you to highlight the diagnosis and procedures that are written in into an electronic document. M. Snell advised that this product is still a fair way off coming to Australia and is only just going live in a few sites at the US at the moment, but noted that the product would assist with the abstraction process. C. Martin noted that it may be beneficial for a 3M rep to come to QCC and demonstrate and discuss the product.

J. Turtle noted that it would be a good training tool, as you could turn the boxes off and code and then turn the boxes on and see if you have missed anything in the abstraction process. M. Snell agreed and noted that this was part of the testing process for this product.

S. Ovchinnikoff observed that there is a similar electronic record being developed for CIMHA, which is a Community Based electronic record.

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

S. Ferdinands noted that C. Martin has prepared edits and sent them out to the committee for review and feedback. C. Martin thanked those committee members that sent in some really good feedback. C. Martin advised that she will collate all feedback, amend and send back out to the committee for final review. The edit will only be a warning. The feedback received indicates that most people are happy to have it. This will mean that anyone that has an accidental puncture of laceration will have an 'S' Code to indicate the area of injury. This will assist with the VLADS analysis too, in particular in understanding T81.2.

C. Martin apologised to those who have clinical capability services edits, noting that work on this is still continuing and we are trying to determine who has governance for this process.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
February	C. Martin to investigate implementing a warning edit for T81.2	Underway
February	Data Quality Team to write a Codefile article on this issue	Will go into the next Codefile article
March	C. Martin to collate feedback, amend where necessary and send back to QCC members for review. An email will be sent out once the edit is ready to go live.	

6.10 Proposed Site Visit Schedule

M. Snell stated that everything is on track to start planning the next lot of site visits. C. Martin noted that there was a generic site visit list where some facilities were grouped together to have a combined site visit. Due to this combination HSC had planned to adjust the site visit schedule, however, after recent restructures these facilities requested separate visits. Therefore the site visit schedule will need to be readdressed.

6.11 Qld State Edits: Consideration of maintenance and justification of variation

C. Martin noted that as discussed in previous meetings, if the QCC believes that National edits need to be adjusted; QCC will feed back to the NCCH to ensure standardisation. This will apply for age edits, sex edits, rare diseases etc.

6.12 NCCH in regards to our query on Central Venous and Arterial Lines Vol 15 Page 5

S. Ferdinands noted that QCC were going to prepare a response to go to NCCH about this. C. Martin commented that the NCCH addressed this in an article in Coding Matters so a response is not needed.

There was discussion about the article, how many times it should be coded, whether it is a component. C. Martin suggested that QCC re-look at the coding matters article, get feedback and formulate a response to the NCCH from there.

There was discussion on potentially developing a Queensland coding standard to advise to code central venous and arterial lines. J. Nicol is against a Queensland coding standards as this goes against the concept of the Australian Coding Standards. J. Turtle agreed with this, but noted as there is not currently a standard around this, there needs to be one. There was a suggestion to ask NCCH for a yes or no question on whether to code this. C. Martin noted that this will probably be included in Procedures Not Normally Coded in 7th edition. C. Martin summarised that coders should code as they are currently doing and C. Martin will consider asking a yes or no question to the NCCH on whether to code or not.

6.13 NCCH Conference

J. Turtle noted that there was some confusion over the contradictory advice surrounding responses the NCCH provided. For example, for intraoperative bradycardia, no one had the same answer. J. Turtle noted that this should not be used as education and there were a lot of other issues that were not raised. J. Turtle asked if other members had similar experiences or thoughts in relation to this, if so, could they please email J. Turtle who will put together a summary of responses.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
March	QCC members to provide their comment to J. Turtle & J. Turtle to prepare a summary of responses	

6.14 Clinical Service Capability Framework

Not discussed at the meeting

6.15 QCC Query Process

S. Ferdinands noted that there had been concern over the current QCC query process and publishing on line. S. Ferdinands advised the committee that the process was currently being looked into. There are concerns over publishing potentially identifiable patient information, which may be included in the QCC queries; this has been one of the main issues around putting the QCC database online. C. Martin added that some QCC queries are very specific and potentially identifiable. S. Ferdinands noted a discussion with C. Martin about the process and how it could be improved and ensure that the coders have access to the queries and query responses. Sending out emails to the current QCC distribution list is not very effective, not always getting to everyone who needs it. C. Martin also noted issues/concerns around provision of advice versus query response. The QCC queries are currently being reviewed for potentially identifiable patient information and will then be forwarded to the QCC distribution list, with the intention of publishing these queries on the QCC website once approval has been received. This is an interim process until the best way to move forward is determined.

C. Martin noted that J. Turtle has previously indicated that she would like the queries organised by disease system and by chapter and that this is a good idea. J. Turtle would like to see the decision logic that the QCC go through to come up with the query response.

J. Turtle suggested that the distribution list should have a contact from each district. M. Snell added that the Codefinder distribution list also needs to be updated. S. Ferdinands noted that there are many issues in updating and maintaining email distributions list including people moving positions, new people coming on board etc. Maintaining a GroupWise email list is a very time consuming process and it is updated as people request to be added/removed.

S. Ferdinands advised that the Coders InSite website is up to date with Codefinder information, including the latest bug list. S. Ferdinands stated that if people aren't getting the information through the distribution list then the information will be available on the Coders InSite website. Likewise, QCC is getting updated more quickly and with the exception of the queries, all other information is current. S. Ferdinands noted that the websites are a central place for coders to access up to date information. M. Snell commented that in some site visits, coders did not know about the Coders InSite website. S. Ferdinands responded that if this is the case there needs to be some education about what Coders InSite contains. K. Hinze suggested sending a link to the Coders InSite website rather than emailing out documents to coders for information.

7 CAEU Update

C. Martin advised the committee that most reports are going out and there are only two more reports still to complete.

8 3M Codefinder Update

S. Ferdinands advised that enhancement requests and suggestions from Site Visits were coming through. These are being processed and forwarded to M. Snell for consideration. Some QCC members noted that the February bug list was not received. S. Ferdinands advised that if coders are not receiving the notification about new bug lists then they are probably not on the Codefinder distribution list. To arrange to be added to the Codefinder distribution list please email codefinder@health.qld.gov.au. Alternatively, coders can find the latest Codefinder Bug list on the Coders InSite website. S. Ferdinands asked QCC members and other members of the coding community to please continue to send through enhancements and faults through to codefinder@health.qld.gov.au.

J. Chippendale noted that M. Stephenson is currently investigating the issue of locked ports in HBCIS when transferring data from Codefinder through the interface into HBCIS. InfoOps staff are trying to get more information to analyse this problem. J. Chippendale asked QCC if they would be happy to contribute toward assisting with capturing these problems if the issue arises. This will assist in identifying what else was happening so InfoOps can try to determine what the cause for this is by recording the issue on a template.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Incoming

9.1.1

QCC_ID	Query summary
0309-01	Preterm delivery without spontaneous labour O60.3
0309-02	Adhesions in pregnancy
0309-03	Neonatal Jaundice
0309-04	Anaemia complicating puerperium
0309-05	Sequestration - Index issue
0309-06	Fall code
0309-07	Pathway issue - sebaceous cyst - vulval or labial site.
0309-08	Coding Underlying Conditions

9.1.2 NCCH Response to QCC queries
Nil

9.1.3 Correspondence to the Committee
Nil

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

The next QCC meeting is on the 9th of April 2009. This meeting will be held at the QHB level 3 Video conference room.

11 Closure of Meeting

Meeting ended at 2.00 pm