

## Queensland Coding Committee

13th August 2009

### Minutes of the 205th Meeting

#### 1. Attendees

Stephanie Ferdinands (Convenor)	Statistical Standards Unit
Melanie Scott (Secretariat)	Statistical Standards Unit
Harry Georgas	Statistical Standards Unit
Kellie Marshall	Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital
Lilian Vu	Princess Alexandra Hospital
Christine Dendle (proxy for Ruth Curnow)	Rockhampton Hospital
Meegan Snell	3M Codefinder
Debbie Abbott (Teleconferencing)	Resolutionsint
Maraea Barker	HBCIS Application Specialist
Kym Wimberley	Gympie Hospital
Corrie Martin	Statistical Standards Unit
Tracey Matthies	Sunshine Coast and Cooloola Health Service District

#### Guests

Graham Hall	Clinical Practice Improvement Centre
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#### 2. Apologies

David Quigley	Medmin Pty Ltd
Anthony Smith	The Prince Charles Hospital
Ann Stewart	The Wesley Hospital
Julie Turtle	Statistical Standards Unit
Lisette Ramsden	Toowoomba Health Service District
Lenore Berry	Cairns and Hinterland Health Service District
Jenny Nicol	Queensland University of Technology
Kirsten Hinze	Gold Coast Health Service District
Sophia Ovchinnikoff	Clinical Information Management, Information Division

#### 3 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- July minutes ratified by H. Georgas and K. Marshall.

#### 4. Quality Hour Discussion Forum

### 5. Business Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting

#### 5.1 VLAD Update

G. Hall presented a demonstration of the new VLAD Clinical Monitoring Information System. The new system will go live from 19 October 2009. Training will occur on the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

The VLAD site will be updated to include links to the system and some help/FAQ information. If you have any queries please contact: [VLAD\\_Queries@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:VLAD_Queries@health.qld.gov.au)

#### 5.2 HBCIS Update

M. Barker advised that the HBCIS team have a meeting on Monday 17 August 2009 with iSOFT to discuss:

QCC intentions for the following - Enhancement Request

- MRIC/NACSC (aka in HBCIS as OCOI) – Morbidity report and Extract.

Requests for HBCIS enhancements for the March 2010 release

- Must be received by iSOFT by 5/10/2009 ie all QH key stakeholders must have completed all necessary requirements;
- 23/11/09 final acceptance ie quotes, specifications.

C. Martin asked if M. Barker could resend her the MRIC/NACSC (aka in HBCIS as OCOI) morbidity report and extract enhancement. M. Barker agreed.

S. Ferdinands advised that the Data Quality team are not going ahead with the Incomplete Coding Flag with the current quote.

S. Ferdinands also noted that the Codefinder release in September will include the prefix update, so this may affect the HBCIS roll-out. M. Stephenson is putting together a timetable to manage this release. C. Martin will organise a meeting with Codefinder, HBCIS and Data Quality teams to discuss the September Codefinder prefixes release and alignment in HBCIS.

K. Wimberley commented that since the last Codefinder update, Gympie hospital hasn't had any more locked ports. L. Vu noted that the Princess Alexandra Hospital had only had one or two.

K. Marshall asked if anyone else had noticed the truncated DRG descriptions in HBCIS. S. Ferdinands responded that this was due to the format of the DRG description field in the Cost Weight file, which was uploaded into HBCIS. This issue will be amended in a future HBCIS update.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
August 2009	M. Barker to send MRIC/OCIC Morbidity report and extract enhancement request to C. Martin.	Complete
August 2009	C. Martin to organise meeting with Codefinder, HBCIS and Data Quality teams to discuss Codefinder prefixes release.	No longer required

### 5.3 CSAC Update

C. Martin reported:

- Changes to the diabetes standard for 7<sup>th</sup> Edition are still being discussed. The current draft version has ramped back changes for 7<sup>th</sup> edition;
- The NCCH Contract has been extended for completion of 7<sup>th</sup> edition.

The next CSAC meeting hasn't been scheduled at this point. CSAC is planning to have a day to discuss diabetes with clinicians but this hasn't been scheduled. C. Martin has a copy of the finalised papers for 7<sup>th</sup> edition, but due to sick leave, hasn't been able to send them out to QCC yet. C. Martin will send these to QCC members.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
May 2009	C. Martin to forward email out to gather information on how we are currently coding Diabetes.	
August 2009	C. Martin to send out NCCH papers of finalised papers for 7 <sup>th</sup> edition.	

### 5.4 Clinical Coder Reclassification Project

S. Ferdinands read out the following update from L. Culleton.

#### General update

- 104 clinical coders are eligible for reclassification under Phase 1 (including 19 through limited applicant pool processes);
- Reclassification of positions has largely already been completed;
- Payroll will begin moving coders into upgraded positions over the next week or so. This means that reclassified coders can expect to be paid at the correct rate from as early as 26 August 2009 (to be confirmed);
- Back payment is still due to occur early October as previously advised.

### **Reminder to those with outstanding limited applicant pool processes**

- Whilst the deadline is 31 August, please email your completed documentation to L. Culleton or F. Heap as soon as the process has been signed off;
- If you are having any trouble at all completing the limited applicant pool process, or require further assistance or support, please do not hesitate to contact L. Culleton or F. Heap to discuss.

### **Ongoing phase**

- Human Resource Branch to finalise new guidelines and application form ASAP. To discuss further at next QCC meeting.

L. Culleton and F. Heap expressed their thanks to everyone for their assistance and patience in this process.

### **5.5 PICQ2008™ Update**

S. Ferdinands advised that 60 public hospitals and 24 private hospitals have registered for PICQ2008™. S. Ferdinands has sent out a follow-up email to hospital contacts and has been in contact with the PHAQ (Private Health Association of Queensland) regarding utilisation of PICQ2008™. The PHAQ have advised their contacts in private hospitals to register for PICQ2008™.

S. Ferdinands has received some feedback that people are having difficulty selecting indicators when running PICQ2008™. It has been suggested by T. Matthies and K. Wimberley to have a quality hour discussion on PICQ. S. Ferdinands agreed and will organise this for the October QCC meeting.

K. Marshall commented that RBWH have made about 700 amendments from using PICQ2008™ going back to the start of 6<sup>th</sup> edition (July 2009). S. Ferdinands asked if K. Marshall could email this feedback to her as this will help us with the Data Quality teams' analysis of how effective PICQ2008™ has been in improving quality. S. Ferdinands also encouraged other members to send in their PICQ2008™ feedback.

The Data Quality team has received PICQ2008™ indicator 101385 feedback from the NCCH. PICQ2008™ indicator 101385 is "Obstetric perineal laceration/tear, first/second degree, without first/second degree suture/repair or episiotomy". Due to advice given in Coding Matters Vol 13 No. 2 under FAQ Obstetrics, this PICQ indicator needs review. The NCCH agreed this was a problem and advised it will be amended in 7<sup>th</sup> edition.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
July 2009	S. Ferdinands to carry out analysis on PICQ2008™ data.	
July 2009	S. Ferdinands to send out a reminder email about applying for PICQ2008™ and follow-up with phone calls.	Complete
July 2009	S. Ferdinands to send out an email asking people to report PICQ2008™ errors.	Complete
August 2009	K. Marshall to send S. Ferdinands feedback about changes in PICQ.	
August 2009	S. Ferdinands to organise PICQ quality hour for the October QCC meeting.	Complete

## 6. Other Business

### 6.1 Coding up/down arrows

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
July 2009	H. Georgas to follow up outstanding queries with the NCCH, particularly the coding arrows query.	Complete
July 2009	S. Ferdinands to look into anaemia data to search for coding trends.	

6.2 Code sequencing (external and morphology codes) - Not discussed at the August meeting

6.3 Procedures normally not coded - Not discussed at the August meeting

6.4 Cancelled Procedures - Not discussed at the August meeting

6.5 Incomplete Coding Flag - Not discussed at the August meeting

### 6.6 Action items spreadsheet

S. Ferdinands asked if the committee would still like to receive the action items spreadsheet. The committee agreed that the action items spreadsheet doesn't need to be sent out as the action items are listed on the agenda and minutes. S. Ferdinands stated that committee members should email her if they would like to look at the action item spreadsheet.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
June 2009	S. Ferdinands to send out action item spreadsheet.	No longer needed as action items appear on the agenda and minutes

### 6.7 Passive smoking

C. Martin noted that this agenda item arose out of correspondence with Mary-Ellen Wetherspoon, Senior Coding Advisor, Ministry of Health, New Zealand (NZ). The NCCH introduced a code (Z58.7) in 5<sup>th</sup> edition for passive smoking but at the time of introduction, the NCCH advised coders not to use it until satisfactory criteria had been developed for its application. NZ has decided to start using the code and have set up their own rules. C. Martin has had correspondence with the NCCH regarding development of criteria for the application of this code. The NCCH agreed that criteria should be developed and that these criteria will be reviewed in 8<sup>th</sup> edition. C. Martin will check if it is OK with NZ to send out the criteria that NZ have put together for utilisation of the code.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
August 2009	C. Martin to send out NZ criteria for utilisation of passive smoking code if approved.	

### 6.8 Central venous and arterial lines Vol 15 Page 5 - Not discussed at the August meeting

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
April 2009	S. Ferdinands will send out C. Martin's ideas on Central venous and arterial lines article to QCC.	

### 6.9 Clinical Service Capability - Not discussed at the August meeting

#### 6.10 QCC Terms of Reference and Expression of interest for membership

S. Ferdinands is currently finalising the TOR document. At last month's QCC meeting there was discussion regarding the attendance of 'observers' at QCC meetings. S. Ferdinands advised that observers are permitted at off site QCC meetings only. C. Martin agreed that guests are welcome, but official observers would not add value to the committee nor could they contribute to committee decisions. It was agreed to remove observers from the draft TOR discussed at the July meeting.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
June 2009	S. Ferdinands to send out the final draft of TOR.	In Progress
July 2009	S. Ferdinands to review the QCC Attendance Register and send emails questioning the membership of those members who don't regularly attend meetings.	
August 2009	S. Ferdinands to write to Royal Children's hospital to organise QCC proxies.	

### 6.11 Edit on J69 Aspiration Pneumonia

C. Martin advised she liaised with another hospital representative about the application of external cause codes for J69. S. Ferdinands asked if anyone else gets the edit, please email the edit number to the QCC generic email.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
July 2009	D. Abbot to send S. Ferdinands edit number on J69.	Incomplete
July 2009	S. Ferdinands to research the edit on J69 and to follow up with the NCCH about the response to Mendelson's and for aspiration pneumonia queries.	

### 6.12 ASA Scores

S. Ferdinands noted that members should reference appendix 1 of the June 2009 QCC agenda, which contained the combined QCC members' comments on this issue. C. Martin raised that the QCC should consider whether the NCCH has at anytime decided that pre-anaesthetic forms do not constitute an "anaesthetic form" as described in the standards. K. Wimberley noted that the standard only states that *'this information needs to be documented on the anaesthetic form before assigning these codes'*. In addition, there is nothing to say it must be done on the day of theatre. C. Martin agreed with D. Quigley's previous comments and summarised that the ASA score on the day of operation would take precedence, but if it's written on a pre-anaesthetic form, then possibly that can be used.

H. Georgas raised J. Turtle's opinion that she didn't agree with the QCC decision. J. Turtle believed that section of the ASA is a form design issue. Surgeons do their writing on the day of the theatre, if they moved the ASA section on the same form, technically it would mean they would fill it out on the day of the surgery.

C. Martin advised that the QCC need to decide whether an ASA noted on a pre-anaesthetic form is sufficient to code from, create a recommendation and then send it to the Clinical Anaesthetic Network for consultation, review and approval. The QCC should represent the current status of the coding of the ASA score and indicate that we would like to be able to more regularly report the ASA score. When we get feedback from the Clinical Anaesthetic Network, then it can be sent to the NCCH for review.

The final QCC response for the coding of ASA scores is to continue current practice. The QCC will make a recommendation to the NCCH (on receipt of a response from the Anaesthetic network) to update the standard to state that the ASA score, where documented, should be recorded.

### **6.13 Raising awareness of coding 'Falls' - 'R' Codes**

SSU will be writing a Codefile article about raising the awareness of coding non-injurious falls. C. Martin has been working with the Falls group from the Patient Safety Centre. This group are currently working on developing a Falls VLAD.

### **6.14 DoHA & NCCH 2009-10 contract to complete seventh edition**

S. Ferdinands noted that as mentioned earlier, the NCCH contract has been extended.

## **7. CAEU Update**

The Nambour coding audit has been completed. J. Turtle is currently auditing at Gympie. H. Georgas will be going to QE2 next week to conduct an audit. H. Georgas's next audit is Caboolture and J. Turtle's next audit will be Caloundra.

## **8. Codefinder Update**

S. Ferdinands advised that there are some corporate notes in Codefinder that are out of date relating to the 6<sup>th</sup> edition errata. S. Ferdinands is currently going through these and removing them for the September release. An email was sent out about this to the Codefinder Update group. The Codefinder prefixes are being rolled out in the September release as well.

The new July Codefinder Buglist has been approved for publishing and is on the Coders InSite webpage.

## **9. Confirmation of Queries from previous meeting**

### **9.1 Correspondence**

### **9.2 Incoming**

#### **9.2.1 Queries**

<b>QCC_ID</b>	<b>Query summary</b>
0809-01	Diagnosis on discharge - referral
0809-02	Diagnosis on discharge - transfer
0809-03	Diagnosis on discharge – went home
0809-04	Redundant colon
0809-05	Orbital cellulitis
0809-06	Coding of CREST syndrome
0809-07	Insertion of UVC, UAC, CVC, PIV, PIVC in neonates
0809-08	Excisional biopsy
0809-09	Barrett's oesophagus surveillance
0809-10	Procedure code for insertion of gastric bubble (balloon)
0809-11	Wound of lip requiring suture

## 9.2.2 NCCH response to QCC queries

### Queries to the NCCH with NCCH IDs

1008-06	Q2505	Diarrhoea complicating pregnancy
0308-06	Q2507	Adhesions noted but not divided
0408-01	Q2508	Extreme prematurity as a consequence of termination

## 9.2.3 Correspondence to the Committee

### 9.2.4 Outgoing

### 9.2.5 QCC queries to the NCCH

<b>QCC_ID</b>	<b>Query summary</b>
0707-05	Central chest pain
0208-05	De Morsier syndrome conditions
0308-02	Carpal tunnel syndrome in pregnancy
1108-03	CT scan heart (calcium score), CT Coronary Angiography and CT Venogram
1108-04	Bipolar affective disorder – current or most recent episode
0209-01	Incorrect drug given in hospital
0209-04	Diseases of digestive system
0309-01	Preterm delivery without spontaneous labour
0309-03	Neonatal jaundice
0309-05	Sequestration - index issue
0309-06	Fall code
0309-08	Coding underlying conditions
0409-02	Repair of epigastric hernia
0409-03	Clinical documentation of arrows
0409-04	Excisional debridement of skin and subcutaneous tissue with wound suturing
0509-07	Diabetes with hypoglycaemia, uncontrolled blood sugar levels
0509-10	Intentional drug overdose
0609-02	Default code for viral hepatitis C (not further specified)
0609-08	Coding Intrathecal pump refill

### 9.2.6 QCC public submissions to the NCCH

0309-07	Pathway issue – sebaceous cyst – vulval or labial site
0509-09	Tumour lysis
0509-11	Ogilvy syndrome

## 10 Next Meeting

The next meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009. This meeting will be held at the Wesley Hospital, 451 Coronation Drive (cnr Chasley St), Auchenflower, Level 1 (East Wing of the hospital), Evan & Mary Thomson Auditorium.

## 11 Closure of Meeting

Meeting ended at 2.50pm.