

The Queensland Coding Committee met on 14 April 2011. Key discussions and outcomes included:

Coding Query Review

The following new coding queries were reviewed by the QCC:

- Spontaneous vaginal delivery (SVD) originally pregnant with twins;
- Diagnosis for bilateral inguinal hernia, one recurrent, one not recurrent;
- Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS) procedure;
- Post eye vitrectomy for removal of oil;
- Ilioinguinal neuralgia and exploration;
- Arthroscopic hip procedures – cam lesion;
- AC Joint repair with Ligament Augmentation and Reconstruction System (LARS);
- Metallosis of hip replacement;
- ACS1911 Burns & ACS1906 Current and Old Injuries;
- Coding Trachelectomy procedures;
- Fistulogram of an arteriovenous fistula (AVF);
- Coding from values where treatment is initiated.

All queries were discussed and responses will be made available after formal ratification.

VLAD Update

The QCC Convenor resigned as QCC representative on the VLAD sub committee.

ICD Technical Group (ITG) Update

ITG papers are being disseminated to the QCC for their information and comments.

PICQ Update

SSU have recently undertaken some analysis of submitted data using the PICQ

tool in order to determine if particular indicators have been fixed.

CCAE Update

Audit was completed at the Toowoomba Hospital.

Codefinder Update

The January release of Codefinder was delayed.

Data Collections Unit (DCU) Validations

The following validations were discussed:

- CPoA validations for certain chronic conditions
- CPoA validations on Z38 and Z37
- Validation against coding O80-O849 more than once in a single episode.

Incomplete Coding Flag

SSU has been working to progress the inclusion of a new data element in the QH Data Dictionary that will allow for the Incomplete Coding Flag to be implemented into HBCIS. The new data element "Incomplete Coding reason" will be sent to the Data Standards Advisory Committee (DSAC) for approval. It is not intended that the allocation of this flag will block an episode from being reported through HQL.

QHAPDC Manual – Chapter 4 definition changes

The QCC discussed the upcoming changes to "Recording of procedure performed by private health organisations" in the QHAPDC 2011/2012 manual. Issues such as procedures carried out at other facilities where there is no contract will be brought to the attention of DCU.

QHAPDC Manual – Chapter 9 Morbidity Details

The reasoning behind coding recommendations in QHAPDC Manual - Morbidity Details chapter - 9.6 External

Cause and Morphology Sequencing was to allow for linking of data items such as external cause and morphology.

7th Edition Coding – Sepsis

The QCC discussed some concerns raised by coders regarding 7th Edition changes for when to code sepsis. The QCC are to arrange education around sepsis coding.

Mechanical Ventilation coding, calculation of hours

There is a variation between facilities pertaining to the methodology of calculating mechanical ventilation hours after a surgical procedure. A Codefile article will be written and published regarding how to calculate mechanical ventilation hours after a surgical procedure.

Mental Health Care Type

There has been discussion regarding the possible development of a new care type for mental health. The QCC gave, in principal, agreement for the creation of a new care type for mental health.

Next QCC Meeting

The next QCC meeting is scheduled for 12 May 2011.

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