

The Queensland Coding Committee met on 12 August 2010. Key discussions and outcomes included:

Coding Query Review

The following coding queries were reviewed by the QCC:

- MS chest pain;
- Endoscopic ablation of Barrett's oesophagus;
- Dura tear spinal surgery;
- Gastrostomy tube;
- Procedure for dropped nucleus;
- Frontal lobe dementia;
- Dementia with Parkinson's disease;
- Drug treatment;
- Pacemaker insertion;
- Diabetic retinopathy/maculopathy.

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

Quality Hour Discussion Forum

The Process and Activity for State-wide forms

The State-wide Forms Standardisation project was established to develop a detailed plan to drive the standardisation of forms across Queensland Health. The project team has conservatively estimated there are 12,000 clinical forms in use across Queensland Health, however the vast majority are local clinical forms.

A Statewide Forms Committee was established to provide oversight. Phase 1 of the project aims to complete a detailed plan which will include a governance model, operational requirements and Clinical Forms Online Catalogue replacement, and is expected to be completed by June 2011. Phase 2 incorporates the implementation of the plan.

Further information on the project is available via the Clinical Information Management (CIM) website, the QHEPS forum and through HIMRG updates.

Variable Life Adjusted Display (VLAD) Update

VLAD update has commented on the VLAD relating to tonsillectomies.

HBCIS Update

The HBCIS team is currently Beta 1 testing the September 2010 HBCIS 6.4.2 Software Release. The release contains enhancements around:

- Telehealth Admitted Patients
- Increased field lengths for certain reference files
- Alignment of Australasian Rehabilitation Outcome Centre (AROC) descriptions to AROC (University of Wollongong) descriptions
- Appointment Scheduling (APP) - Total Day's Wait calculation adjustment
- Appointment Scheduling (APP) - Modification to the Failed To Attend Report

Beta 2 testing for the September Release is due to begin on 25 August. The Beta 2 Test Pilot Sites are the Hospitals pertaining to the Maryborough Server (Bundaberg, Kingaroy, Hervey Bay and Monto).

Age edit parameters were updated for three ICD codes: F05.1, Z35.51 and Z35.52 to bring HBCIS in line with the age edits contained within ICD-10-AM 7th Edition.

Homer Qld Interface (HQI)/Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre (AROC):

Since mid – late 2009, sites that submit AROC data have received error validations from the Data Collections Unit (DCU) regarding incorrect linkage of AROC phases to inpatient episodes. The validations for AROC 'phases' have been modified by DCU to align with the current HBCIS 'rule set'.

Coding of Obstetrics in the Private Sector

The coding of the Principal Diagnosis according to 6th Edition standards for separations post 1 July 2010 has been progressed to the National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee (NHISCC) out of session.

All QHAPDC data submissions to the HSC are required to comply with ICD-10-AM 7th edition coding standards.

Once a final decision is made, the information will be disseminated.

ICD-10-AM and AR-DRG Development Services

The NCCC created two new reference groups to inform the development of ICD-10-AM and AR-DRG.

The ICD Technical group (ITG) provides coding advice in regard to ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS changes. This group replaces the Coding Standards Advisory Committee (CSAC) and reports to the Clinical Casemix Committee of Australia (CCCA).

The DRG Technical Group (DTG) provides advice in regards to the change and development of AR-DRG's in Australia and also reports to the CCCA.

Codefinder

Codefinder visits are continuing throughout Queensland.

Next QCC Meeting

The next QCC meeting is scheduled for 9 September 2010.

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