

The Queensland Coding Committee met on 10 February 2011. Key discussions and outcomes included:

Coding Query Review

The following new coding queries were reviewed by the QCC:

- Acute cauda equina syndrome;
- DRG J12C low limb procedures - sacral pressure ulcer;
- Cessation of oral hypoglycaemic drugs in DM patient;
- Congenital mixed venous and lymphatic malformation;
- Anchoring a non - functional tendon;
- Massive Aspiration Syndrome (MAS) Code and standard clarification.

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

HBCIS Update:

Site testing for the March Release is due to be tested from 23 February to 7 March. Installation to remaining sites across the state is scheduled for 8 to 25 March.

The following enhancements have been noted for inclusion in the HBCIS 6.6.1 Release in June 2011:

- National Locality Indicator (NLI) files – Suburbs, Postcodes, Statistical Local Area (SLA) etc;
- Appointment Template Scheduling Monday to Friday;
- Modify Outpatient Activity Report;
- Modify Cancellation Reasons Report to report on Appointment/Referrals Removal;
- Add Telehealth Data to HQI;
- Modification to Telehealth Data Entry Screen;
- Outpatient Data – Reference File Update;
- Linked Episode/s of Care – Care Type (Admission Type code) Validation.

ICD Technical Group (ITG) Update

The NCCC has over 200 outstanding submission/queries so will be implementing a scoring system. 8th edition submissions will be scored higher than queries on 7th edition.

Most of the outstanding NCCC queries have been carried over to NCCC.

The Coding Matters (hard copy) will no longer be produced by the NCCC.

The NCCC query portal (NIP) is being updated to include search functions.

PICQ Update

Statistical Standards Unit (SSU) has decided not to purchase the 7th edition release of PICQ.

Codefinder Update

SSU testing for the October release has been finalised and ready to roll out. The Codefinder January 2011 release is now available for testing.

Coding of diabetes/hypoglycaemia

The QCC decision is to not code diabetes or hypoglycaemia based only on information in the Insulin Subcutaneous Order and Blood Glucose Record.

Data Collections Unit (DCU) Validations

Live liver donors for transplants are now currently being performed. Previously all donors for liver transplants were from organ procurement patients. As a result validations in both HBCIS and DCU will be reviewed.

SSU is looking at implementing extended Condition Present on Admission (CPOA) flag edits for 1 July 2011.

Grouper 6.0b

The new grouper version is to be released in HBCIS, 3M Codefinder and in DCU.

Other Business

Queensland Health Policies regarding what constitutes a clinical record:

[Records Management for Administrative, Clinical and Functional Records](#)

[Retention and Disposal of Clinical Records Policy](#)

Next QCC Meeting

The next QCC meeting is scheduled for 10 March 2011.

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