

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

### **Coding Query Review**

The following coding queries were re-reviewed by the QCC:

- Coronary artery dissection during angiography/PTCA +/- stent;
- Procedure for dropped nucleus;
- Pain management;
- Haematopoietic malignancies with anaemia;
- Infected hydroureter;
- Cyclops lesion of ACL;
- Penile adhesions;
- Layered suturing techniques;
- Oromotor weakness;
- Thrombosis of splenic vein, mesenteric proximal portal;
- Hypogammaglobulinemia and recurrent Infection secondary to Non Hodgkin's lymphoma" and NHL/recurrent lower respiratory tract infection;
- Ventilation under one hour.

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

### **Quality Hour Discussion - Adjacent DRGs analysis**

An information presentation was given by the Statistical Analysis Unit, Health Statistic Centre. The objective was to assess the inter-hospital variation on the reporting and coding of secondary diagnosis within adjacent DRGs between Qld public hospitals during the 2005/06 to 2009/10 financial years.

### **Codefinder Update**

Codefinder 6.4.1 January release testing has been finalised and in the process of being signed off.

### **Data Collections Unit (DCU) Validations**

CPOA edits in place from 1 July 2011.

They include:

- Z38 and Z37 must have a present on admission.

Discussions continuing with iSoft about removing the live liver donor edit in the July 2011 release of HBCIS.

H623 - Waiting list validation (episode of care is linked to a waiting list episode (level 1, 2 or 3) and there is no procedure code). At present the edit is a fatal and it was suggested making this edit a warning.

### **Front sheet coding**

The QCC has no formal stance on front sheet coding however the QCC did reference ACS0010 and the QHAPDC manual 3.5.2 as a reason that front sheet coding is not recommended.

The QCC suggested education regarding the coding of episodes from the front sheet alone.

### **Next QCC Meeting**

The next QCC meeting is scheduled for 14 April 2011.

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