

Queensland Coding Committee

10th September 2009

Minutes of the 206th Meeting

1. Attendees

Corrie Martin (Chair)	Statistical Standards Unit
Melanie Scott (Secretariat)	Statistical Standards Unit
Harry Georgas	Statistical Standards Unit
Ann Stewart	Wesley Hospital
James Chippendale	HBCIS Application Specialist
Kellie Marshall	Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
Erin Geary (proxy for Tracey Matthies)	Caloundra Hospital
Kirsten Hinze	Gold Coast Hospital
Ruth Curnow	Rockhampton Hospital
Lenore Berry	Cairns and Hinterland Health Service District
Jenny Nicol	Queensland University of Technology

Guests

Lee-Anne Finter	Wesley Hospital
Maureen Kinsella	Wesley Hospital
Sylvie Hannam	Wesley Hospital

2. Apologies

Stephanie Ferdinands	Statistical Standards Unit
David Quigley	Medmin Pty Ltd
Julie Turtle	Statistical Standards Unit
Sophia Ovchinnikoff	Clinical Information Management, Information Division
Kym Wimberley	Gympie Hospital
Lilian Vu (Proxy for Maria O'Neil)	Princess Alexandra Hospital
Anthony Smith	The Prince Charles Hospital
Debbie Abbott	Resolutionsint
Lisette Ramsden	Toowoomba Hospital

3 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ratification of the August QCC minutes was discussed. K. Hinze wanted further detail added in the HBCIS update about the Incomplete Coding Flag enhancement. The August minutes will be amended and sent out for out of session ratification.

4. Quality Hour Discussion Forum

5. Business Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting

5.1 VLAD Update

5.2 HBCIS Update

J. Chippendale advised that the HBCIS June 6.2.2 software release is currently being deployed across the state. Please contact the HBCIS team if you notice any software issues. The HBCIS team would like to thank Cairns Base Hospital for being the pilot site.

The separations extract required for uploading into PICQ2008™, is a hospital morbidity data extract, containing all the separations for a facility by a selected time period. This separations file must be in the correct file format in order for the data to be loaded into PICQ2008™. The file format is specified in Appendix C, page 203 of the NCCH User Guide. It is important to note that errors occur in PICQ2008™ if boarders (Care type 10 in PICQ2008™) or organ procurement (Care type 9 in PICQ2008™) patients are included in the separations for PICQ2008™ analysis. As detailed on page 203 of the NCCH User Guide, separations with a care type 10 or 9 or are not routinely considered admitted, therefore separations with these care types are not valid values in PICQ2008™. Separations with a Care type of 10 or 9 must be deleted from the Separations data extract prior to uploading into PICQ2008™ for analysis. There was discussion about an idea to improve the PICQ2008™ extract, so that Care type 9 and 10 would no longer be extracted.

The truncated DRG descriptions within HBCIS are reflective of the file that was loaded into HBCIS during the June HBCIS release. The expanded DRG descriptions can be loaded into HBCIS once the file is received and the quotation is approved.

The Outstanding Diagnosis by Location enhancement request has been distributed for feedback. The deadline for submission of this request is the 02/10/2009 for the March HBCIS release. J. Chippendale to resend this enhancement request to C. Martin.

Funding arrangements for the Incomplete Coding Flag enhancement will need to be made or refinement of the enhancement will be necessary.

There will be a staggered rollout of the 3M Codefinder version 5.2.3 in the last week of October. The 3M Codefinder version 5.2.3 disc was delivered a week early.

HBCIS recruitment process has been finalised and the successful applicants are:

Stephen Smith – Application Specialist – HBCIS (Technical);

Victor Wong - Application Specialist – HBCIS (Homer);

James Chippendale – Application Specialist - HBCIS (HIM).

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
September 2009	J. Chippendale to resend the Outstanding Diagnosis by Location enhancement request to C. Martin.	

5.3 CSAC Update

C. Martin tabled the latest minutes from the May CSAC teleconference meeting. C. Martin discussed the latest CSAC papers pertaining to diabetes and hospital acquired bacteraemia. C. Martin informed the committee that most papers have been passed for 7th edition.

C. Martin advised the committee that contrary to the NCCH plan, education for the edition change would continue to be face to face rather than an online option. The online education option is still in the development phase.

There was discussion about the coding commandments at the CSAC meeting. A decision for the coding arrows and values will be published in the next version of 10-AM Commandments. QCC members were pleased that a decision regarding the coding of arrows and values had been made.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
May 2009	C. Martin to forward email out to gather information on how we are currently coding Diabetes.	Delayed until the new standard comes out
August 2009	C. Martin to send out NCCH papers of finalised papers for 7 th edition.	Complete

5.4 Clinical Coder Reclassification Project

M. Scott read out the following update from L. Culleton.

General update

- Phase 1 officially ended on Monday 31 August 2009;
- The collated data for all limited applicant pool processes and temporary employees has now been forwarded to Queensland Health Shared Service Provider (QHSSP) Payroll Statewide Operations for actioning;
- QHSSP Statewide Recruitment Services is currently producing reclassification letters for all AO4 direct appointees which will be mailed out shortly. Letters for all other employees will be produced once QHSSP Payroll have actioned all required changes on LATTICE (Legacy HR/Payroll Application used by QH);

- Back payments for all eligible clinical coders are still scheduled to occur in October. We will advise as soon as the date for this to occur has been confirmed.

Ongoing phase

- We are currently finalising the processing requirements of the ongoing phase with QHSSP Payroll and Statewide Recruitment Services;
- Once this has occurred, the guidelines will be sent to coding managers and unions for a brief consultation period;
- An email will be sent to all coding managers to advise when the guidelines are finalised and available on the Queensland Health Electronic Publishing Service (QHEPS);
- Please note, any clinical coder whose eligibility date occurs between 31 August and the date the ongoing phase documents are available on QHEPS will be back paid to their eligibility date.

If you come across any processing errors in the reclassification process, or require further assistance or support, please do not hesitate to contact Liz Culleton or Fiona Heap to discuss.

A. Stewart was interested to know the new pay rates for reclassified coders. C. Martin will source Administration Officer (AO) and Professional Officer (PO) pay wages and send to A. Stewart.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
September 2009	C. Martin to source AO4 and PO pay wages and send to A. Stewart.	

5.5 PICQ2008™ Update

M. Scott advised that 62 public hospitals and 26 private hospitals have registered for PICQ2008™. S. Ferdinands and M. Scott held a PICQ2008™ training session at the end of August for 3 representatives from Nambour and Gympie Hospitals. Positive feedback was received about the training session. S. Ferdinands will present a similar PICQ2008™ training session for Quality hour at the October QCC meeting.

M. Scott encouraged PICQ2008™ users to refer to the NCCH user guide and PICQ2008™ step-by-step user guide when running PICQ2008™.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
July 2009	S. Ferdinands to carry out analysis on pre and post PICQ2008™ data to determine the effectiveness of PICQ2008™.	
August 2009	K. Marshall to send S. Ferdinands feedback about changes in PICQ.	

6. Other Business

6.1 Coding up/down arrows

The committee agreed to remove this item from the agenda as the NCCH will release a decision in the next version of 10-AM Commandments concerning the coding of arrows and values.

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

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

6.4 Cancelled Procedures - Not discussed at the September meeting

6.5 Incomplete Coding Flag

The Incomplete Coding Flag functionality has been put on hold at this stage. Further discussions will be held regarding the progression of this flag. It will be necessary to rationalise the value of the flag versus proposed cost. Discussion will be planned between Information Division and HSC regarding the cost of this enhancement.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
September 2009	C. Martin to organise meeting between Information Division and HSC regarding rationalisation of costs of the Incomplete Coding Flag functionality.	

6.6 Action items spreadsheet – Not discussed at the September meeting

6.7 Passive smoking

C. Martin has received approval from New Zealand to send out the New Zealand criteria for the utilisation of the passive smoking code (Z58.7). C. Martin stressed that this document was still in draft and was not for utilisation in Queensland in any manner. It is only for the Committee's information and interest.

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

6.8 Central venous and arterial lines Vol 15 Page 5

The committee agreed to remove this item from the agenda as the NCCH has released information concerning the coding of central venous and arterial lines in the FAQ's.

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.	No longer required
September 2009	SSU will re-iterate the NCCH decision in the next Codefile article.	

6.9 Clinical Service Capability Framework

6.10 QCC Terms of Reference and Expression of interest for membership

The QCC Terms of Reference are still under review at this stage.

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 Edits for discussion

J69 Aspiration Pneumonia

C. Martin informed the committee that she could not find a validation edit related to J69 – Aspiration Pneumonia. QCC members indicated that there may have been a validation edit in the past.

H586 'The ICD code || is uncommon for facility |. Please confirm to DCU that the ICD coding is correct.'

C. Martin advised that the wording to the above validation message had been revised. C. Martin asked the committee whether they felt that there was value in reviewing the edit. The committee indicated that they would like to review the edit and make it more

meaningful to the current day. C. Martin will put together a group of rare codes for the committee to consider for inclusion.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
July 2009	D. Abbot to send S. Ferdinands edit number on J69.	No validation edits found for J69
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

C. Martin reiterated to the committee that the review of ASA score coding requirements had come out of a request from the Clinical Practice Improvement Centre (CPIC). CPIC had reviewed the allocation of ASA score previously and were keen to improve its data quality. QCC members were keen to explore the ability to code ASA scores from documentation within the record rather than only in the anaesthetic record.

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

C. Martin informed the committee that the request to raise the awareness of the R code for falls came out of discussions with the Patient Safety Centre (PSC) and CPIC. C. Martin indicated that a Codefile article would be written to raise awareness of the existence of the code only.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
September 2009	C. Martin will organise a Codefile article to be written on falls to raise awareness of the existence of the R code for falls	

6.14 National Centre for Health Information Research and Training (NCHIRT)

J. Nicol advised that as of the beginning of August, the National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH) Brisbane has been replaced with the National Centre for Health Information Research and Training (NCHIRT).

C. Martin indicated that this was an interesting development and would welcome meeting with representatives from (NCHIRT).

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
September 2009	C. Martin to arrange a meeting with NCHIRT representatives through J. Nicol in November	

7. CAE Update

H. Georgas completed an audit at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital. J. Turtle is on an audit at Caloundra hospital. The Nambour hospital audit report is out in draft. The Gympie hospital audit report will be out in draft shortly – hopefully sometime next week. Both H. Georgas and J. Turtle plan to go out to the RBWH to audit in late November 2009.

C. Martin to send out the audit schedule. The audit schedule is planned up to 2011, but is subject to change.

Meeting Month	Action Items	Outcome
September 2009	C. Martin to send out the audit schedule	

8. Codefinder Update

M. Scott noted that the 6th edition errata corporate notes have been updated and sent to M. Stephenson to build into the Codefinder MSI. The 3M Codefinder version 5.2.3 disc was delivered earlier in the week. M. Stephenson has been testing the disc and if all goes to plan, should have a file for the SSU to test by early next week. The 3M Codefinder 5.2.3 will be rolled out in October 2009.

9. Confirmation of Queries from previous meeting

- August 2009 queries

The August 2009 queries were discussed and amended. These will be sent out for out of session ratification.

9.1 Correspondence

9.2 Incoming

9.2.1 Queries

QCC_ID	Query summary
0909-01	Induction of labour for IUFD @ term
0909-02	Injury to chest
0909-03	Water transport accidents
0909-04	Admission for insertion of IP Port
0909-05	Impulsive, disinhibited and inappropriate behaviour due to ABI
0909-06	Elective classical C/S
0909-07	Procedures repeated multiple times in an admission, but performed without anaesthetic

The following queries will be held over until the October QCC meeting:

0709-02	Difficult Intubation
0709-06	Obstetrics Chapter vs ACS 0002
0308-04	Mucoperiosteal flap
1208-04	External cause codes

9.2.2 NCCH response to QCC queries

9.2.3 Correspondence to the Committee

Correspondence from NCCH 22/07/2009 - **Outstanding Coding Queries for QLD** in response to QCC's request for coding queries still being deliberated by NCCH.

NCCH ID	QCC ID	Query summary
2506	0208-04	Trends and Values
2509	0408-05	Alcohol Poisoning
2510	1008-02	Procedural Complications
2511	1008-04	Australian Coding Standards 1117, 0046, 1103
2512	0509-02	Leiomyoma noted on pathology results
2513	0509-03	Adenocarcinoma as finding on pathology results
2514	0509-04	CIN III as finding on pathology results
2515	0509-05	DCIS as finding on pathology results

9.2.4 Outgoing - Correspondence to M. Snell

C. Martin informed the committee that the Health Statistics Centre (HSC) has reconsidered the 3M representative position upon the QCC. The HSC reviewed this position and the decision was made to rescind the position due to the potential for a conflict of interest.

C. Martin reinforced that this decision to rescind the membership in no way reflects upon the 3M representative's high level of commitment and dedication to the committee.

K. Hinze asked why this decision was made out of QCC. C. Martin advised that this position was created by HSC management and as a result, it was a HSC decision to rescind the position.

K. Hinze and K. Marshall indicated that they felt that this was a decision that should have been discussed within the committee. J. Nicol acknowledged the invaluable knowledge that the 3M representative brought to the committee.

C. Martin indicated that the 3M representative would still provide information for the committee; however the 3M representative would no longer be a committee member.

The Committee would have preferred that discussion had occurred at the committee and were extremely disappointed by the decision. J. Nicol suggested that a letter of thanks be drafted and sent from the QCC as well as from the HSC.

9.2.5 QCC queries to the NCCH

9.2.6 QCC public submissions to the NCCH

10 Next Meeting

The next meeting is on the 8th of October 2009. This meeting will be held at **Forestry House, Level 14 Conference Room.**

11 Closure of Meeting

Meeting ended at 3.00pm.