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Quarterly Newsletter of the
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1. Coding Auditing/ Education Update

The Coding Auditing and Education team has completed, or sent out in draft, all audit reports for our recent coding audits. We are currently planning our next audit which will most likely be at the Nambour Hospital.

2. Codefinder Update

The Statistical Standards Unit (SSU) continues to provide Codefinder support to all public hospital clinical coding personnel.

The next version of 3M Codefinder version will be rolled out to all Queensland Health facilities in July 2009. Further communication on this roll out will be distributed closer to the date.

The latest Codefinder pathway issues list (the "Bug list") is now available on the Coders InSite Website: <http://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/qhcs/home.htm>

Please refer to this list if you find an issue with a pathway in Codefinder. This document contains work-arounds for known pathway issues in Codefinder. If you encounter an error with a Codefinder pathway that is not on this list, and you are a Clinical Coder from a Public Queensland Health facility, please contact Melanie Scott at Codefinder@health.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 3872 0797.

Meegan Snell from 3M has continued to conduct her usual site visits. The May site visits include Cairns, Atherton, Innisfail and Mareeba combined visit and Townsville and Ingham combined visit. During these visits Meegan will meet with Clinical Coders to demonstrate the functionality and enhancements associated with the current 3M Codefinder v5.0.1.

Clinical Coders in Public Queensland Health facilities who require Codefinder assistance should contact the acting Codefinder Support Officer, Melanie Scott, at **Codefinder@health.qld.gov.au** or via phone (07) 3872 0797.

Support issues include reporting faults or issues with any of the coding pathways, advice and assistance with the use of certain Codefinder features and the installation process for the new releases.

3. Performance Indicator for Coding Quality (PICQ) Update

The Health Statistics Centre (HSC), Centre for Healthcare Improvement (CHI), has purchased a state wide licence for Performance Indicators for Coding Quality (PICQ) 2008 from the National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH).

The HSC will be providing PICQ 2008 **free** to all public and private hospitals and Health Service Districts that provide coded hospital morbidity data to Queensland Health. PICQ 2008 will be available in May 2009.

The PICQ 2008 version contains a series of indicators that analyse admitted patient hospital morbidity data coded with ICD-10-AM 6th edition and the Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 6th Edition.

All Queensland hospitals that supply Queensland Health with coded morbidity data are eligible to obtain a copy of PICQ.

Please see the [Coders InSite website](#) or the [Queensland Coding Committee website](#) for future updates in regards to the availability and release of PICQ 2008.

4. Coding Standard Advisory Committee (CSAC) Update

At the February CSAC meeting, the committee members were advised of the departure from the NCCH of Kerry Innes. Kerry has been a long time supporter of the classification and will be greatly missed.

In addition, we discussed the T code Survey that was carried out by the NCCH. The data is currently being analysed and will inform the creation of clear guidelines on how to improve the area of residual T codes in a future Edition of ICD-10-AM. The NCCH will be acknowledging those who assisted with the survey in a future version of Coding Matters.

CSAC is continuing its work upon extending Chapter 17 Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities. This work is being done in conjunction with the National Perinatal Statistics Unit (NPSU) to ensure consistency with other National collections.

There were discussions about the format for future NCCH education programmes. It has been suggested that perhaps future education for new editions could be web-based. Continuing education workshops would continue to be face to face.

The last meeting of CSAC was held in Sydney on 1 May 2009.

5. QCC Update

The Queensland Coding Committee is currently reviewing the process for answering queries in an effort to improve efficiency of distribution and timeliness of query response. All ratified QCC queries for February to October 2008 have been emailed out to the QCC distribution list. These queries will be posted on the Queensland Coding Committee website soon. If you would like to be added to this QCC distribution list please email your request to gcc@health.qld.gov.au.

The QCC supports and promotes coded data quality and standardisation. To further encourage these efforts, the QCC secretariat will be forwarding the NCCH Coding Matters on a quarterly basis to Clinical Coders and Health Information Managers in public and private hospitals throughout Queensland.

All Clinical Coders and HIMs are encouraged to read the 10-AM Commandments and Coding FAQ's that are published within Coding Matters.

It is intended that from 2009, outcomes of QCC queries will be released on a quarterly basis in line with the national release of advice. This will allow for planned implementation of advice for improved coded data quality and analysis. The aim is that this initiative will see improved communication of advice and coded data provision.

6. Most Resource Intensive Condition (MRIC) Indicator and Non-Australian Coding Standard Compliant (NACSC) Indicator Pilot

The volunteer pilot collection of the new indicators, the Most Resource Intensive Condition (MRIC) Indicator and the Non Australian Coding Standard Compliant (NACSC) Indicator (known in HBCIS as OCOI) continues in 2009. Participation in this pilot is only for hospitals that have been permitted by their District Managers / Chief Executive Officers to take part. All other hospitals are **not** to collect these indicators.

More pilot volunteers are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering first ensure that your facility has permission from your District Manager / Chief Executive Officers to take part in the pilot of the MRIC and NACSC indicator collection. Once permission has been confirmed, then please contact the Statistical Standards Unit contacts:

Corrie Martin via phone (07) 3234 1001 or email Sabina_martin@health.qld.gov.au or Stephanie Ferdinands via phone (07) 3234 0609 or email Stephanie_Ferdinands@health.qld.gov.au.

7. Coders InSite

The Coders InSite website <http://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/qhcs/home.htm> has been updated with new documentation on the Codefinder v5.0.1. Also, information on PICQ 2008 program will be released on this website in the near future.

If you have a coding resource you would like to submit to Coders InSite, or even an event you wish to advertise, please contact Stephanie Ferdinands at Stephanie_Ferdinands@health.qld.gov.au. There are also helpful guidelines on how to submit a resource, located on the Coders InSite website: http://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/qhcs/html/publish_process.htm.

8. S & T Codes

In ACS 1904 *Procedural Complications*, there is a statement regarding the utilisation of additional codes from Chapters 1 to 19 in conjunction with complication codes:

“An additional code from Chapters 1 to 19 may be assigned to provide further specification of the condition.”

As a result, the QCC has supported the creation of a new edit for the Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) which will highlight the requirement for Chapters 1 to 19 code(s) when T81.2 *Accidental puncture and laceration during a procedure, not elsewhere classified* is coded.

Therefore the following new **warning** edit will be implemented:

"Where T81.2 Accidental puncture and laceration during a procedure, not elsewhere classified exists as either PD or OD, there should also exist a code in the range of S00-S99.9 to provide further specification of the condition where this information is available".

9. Codefile Comments, Queries and Suggestions [Home](#)

Please forward your Codefile comments, queries or suggestions to:

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