

# Codefile

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### 1. Coding Auditing/ Education Update

The Statistical Standards Unit (SSU) has been reviewing and finalising audit reports from the recent round of audits. There have been improvements made with some changes to the data analysis methodology.

We welcome Margaret Campbell and Ava Wong to our CAE team. Margaret will be working as our Senior Clinical Coding Auditor/Educator. She is an experienced Health Information Manager (HIM) who previously worked for the National Centre for Health Information Research and Training (NCHIRT). Ava will be filling the Clinical Coding Auditor/Educator position. Ava is also a HIM with experience in clinical coding in both the public and private sectors.

We look forward to working with both Margaret and Ava.

### 2. Codefinder Update

The Statistical Standards Unit (SSU) continues to provide Codefinder support to all public hospital clinical coding personnel. Support issues include reporting faults or issues with any of the coding pathways and advice and assistance with the use of certain Codefinder features.

Codefinder pathway issues lists (the "Bug list") have been distributed and also are 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 coding pathway or any other Codefinder functionality. The bug list is a very useful document containing work-arounds for known pathway issues in Codefinder.

If you encounter an error with a Codefinder pathway that is not on this list or require Codefinder assistance, please contact the Codefinder Support Officer at [Codefinder@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Codefinder@health.qld.gov.au) or phone (07) 3224 7833.

### 3. Performance Indicators for Coding Quality (PICQ2008™) Update

The Health Statistics Centre (HSC), Performance and Accountability (Panda) Division, has previously purchased a state wide licence for Performance Indicators for Coding Quality 2008 (PICQ2008™) from the National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH).

PICQ was recently purchased by Pavilion Health from the University of Sydney. Pavilion Health conducted a workshop with PICQ users in Queensland Health to establish a number of short and long-term priorities. The highest priority for Pavilion Health is to update PICQ to incorporate the 7<sup>th</sup> edition ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS.

Pavilion Health has also determined a new pricing structure for PICQ. Due to the significant increase in their price, the HSC will not be pursuing a State-wide licence. Pavilion Health will be marketing the product to individual sites and will be seeking contact with sites in the near future.

For further information please contact Corrie Martin on (07) 3234 1001.

#### 4. The ICD Technical Group (ITG) Update

Corrie Martin is the new chair of the ICD Technical Group. The next meeting will be held in February 2011.

The NCCC website has been updated to include a number of documents of interest including:

- Seventh Edition Errata
- Frequently Asked Questions from the Seventh Edition Education Workshops
- Questions and Answers – State/Territory coding queries and responses

A selection of the Frequently Asked Questions from the Seventh Edition Education Workshops have been included in Codefile Issue No.40.

Please familiarise yourself with the NCCC website at: <http://nccc.uow.edu.au/index.html>

#### 5. QCC Update

The Queensland Coding Committee continues to meet monthly. In the last 3 months since the October meeting, the QCC has reviewed 44 queries.

If you are interested in being informed of a response to a query that is not yet available on the QCC website, please email your request to [QCC@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:QCC@health.qld.gov.au). We will email you the query response if it has been ratified by the Committee.

#### 6. QCC Membership

There have been a number of membership changes in the QCC. Please welcome Ava Wong, Donna Lane, Margaret Campbell and Lucy Kennedy to the QCC. Jenny Nicol has resigned from the QCC. Jenny will be missed for her insight into coding education.

#### 7. D63\* *Anaemia in chronic diseases classified elsewhere* (per NCCC: Seventh Edition Education FAQs\_October 2010)

The aetiology and manifestation (dagger and asterisk) convention, means that D63\* *Anaemia in chronic diseases classified elsewhere* can only be assigned in the sequence in which it appears in the ICD-10-AM Alphabetical index, that is, the aetiology followed by the manifestation code. Therefore it can only be assigned for the following indexed conditions:

##### Anaemia

- brickmaker's B76.9† D63\*
- Diphyllbothrium (Dibothriocephalus) B70.0† D63\*
- due to
  - - myxoedema E03.9† D63\*
- Egyptian B76.9† D63\*
- hookworm B76.9† D63\*
- malarial (see also Malaria) B54† D63\*
- marsh (see also Malaria) B54† D63\*
- miner's B76.9† D63\*
- paludal (see also Malaria) B54† D63\*
- syphilitic (acquired) (late) A52.7† D63\*
- tropical B76.9† D63\*
- tuberculous A18.8† D63\*

##### Chlorosis

- Egyptian B76.9† D63\*
- miner's B76.9† D63\*

##### Syphilis, syphilitic (acquired)

- anaemia (late) A52.7† D63\*

##### Tuberculosis, tubercular, tuberculous (caseous) (degeneration) (gangrene) (necrosis)

- anaemia A18.8† D63\*

#### 8. Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) (per NCCC: Seventh Edition Education FAQs\_October 2010)

Should patient controlled analgesia (PCA) be coded?

In ICD-10-AM Fifth Edition ACS 0031 Anaesthesia allowed for the decision to code intravenous PCA to be made at a local level if this data was required. However this entry was removed in Sixth Edition to reinforce the consistency of coded data at a national level. In Seventh Edition, subcutaneous and intravenous post procedural infusions were removed from the hierarchy of codes in ACS 0031 to reflect that intravenous PCA should not be coded. The neuraxial and regional block codes in block [1912] Postprocedural analgesia should continue to be assigned as per point 5 of ACS 0031.

### **9. McRobert's manoeuvre performed during delivery** (per NCCC: Seventh Edition Education FAQs\_October 2010)

If there is documentation that a McRobert's manoeuvre has been performed during delivery, which code should be assigned O80 *Single spontaneous delivery* or O83 *Other assisted single delivery*?

McRoberts manoeuvre is performed for shoulder dystocia (sometimes documented as 'impacted' or 'difficult' shoulders). Delivery of the shoulders is facilitated by flexing the mother's hips to increase the pelvic diameter. Clinical advice confirms that when this manoeuvre is performed during delivery assign O83 *Other assisted single delivery*.

Shoulder dystocia must be documented before assigning O66.0 *Labour and delivery affected by shoulder dystocia*, as this technique is sometimes employed prophylactically in anticipation of a potential shoulder dystocia.

### **10. Swan Ganz catheters** (per NCCC: Seventh Edition Education FAQs\_October 2010)

A Swan Ganz or pulmonary artery catheter is used to monitor central cardiovascular pressures and *should not be coded* as per points 5 and 14 in ACS 0042 Procedures normally not coded:

ACS 0042 Point 5. Catheterisation:

- arterial or venous (such as Hickman's, PICC, CVC, Swan Ganz) except cardiac catheterisation (blocks [667] and [668]), or surgical catheterisation (block [741])

### **11. Data Quality Working Group**

The Data Quality Working Group, convened every quarter by the Health Statistics Centre (HSC), is looking to improve the quality of hospital data. The aim of the group is to share best practice learnings and initiatives for the improvement of data quality across all public hospitals throughout Queensland.

The Data Quality Working Group currently has a QH forum

<http://qhpsforums.health.qld.gov.au/forumdisplay.php?f=289> where individuals can share information relating to data quality. A copy of the Terms of Reference for the Data Quality Working Group can be sourced from the forum.

The Data Quality Working Group is also in the process of developing some data quality indicators that can be reported by all hospitals and be benchmarked to a state-wide figure.

For further information relating to the Data Quality Working Group, please contact Stephanie Callaghan on (07) 3836 0579.

### **12. Codefile Comments, Queries and Suggestions**

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