



What is an ICD-10-AM code?

ICD-10-AM (The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification) codes are a classification of diseases based on the World Health Organisation (WHO) International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10). The classification can be defined as a system of categories to which morbid entries are assigned according to established criteria.

ICD-10-AM codes use the clinical concepts of diseases, symptoms (that represent important problems in medical care in their own right), injuries, poisonings, and/or adverse effects and procedural complications.

Currently Australia is utilising ICD-10-AM Eleventh Edition for admitted episodes of care. Historically ICD-10-AM editions and its predecessor, ICD-9-CM, were developed and sourced from The National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH) and The National Casemix and Classification Centre (NCCC). The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) has the responsibility for the further development of ICD-10-AM.

(Source: The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification, Eleventh Edition, Tabular List, Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, 2019).

An ICD-10-AM code is assigned to capture conditions and diseases as part of the Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC).

ICD-10-AM codes are:

- alphanumeric codes
- code length ranges from 3 to 5 characters (excluding punctuation)
- used for activity based funding, epidemiology, research, service planning
- used by public and private hospitals.

ICD-10-AM codes *do not*:

- describe interventions or procedures performed during an admitted episode of care.

ICD-10-AM manuals can be found in university libraries, with Health Information Managers at hospitals or if you are a Queensland Health employee you can access via the [Corporate Reference Data System](#).

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