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ICD-11 Update

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ICD-11: Key Points



- WHO publication
- Fully electronic, no books:
 - 17,000 diagnostic categories
 - Over 100,000 medical diagnostic terms
- Index-based search algorithm interprets more than 1.6 million terms

ICD-11: Key Points



- ICD 11 Fact Sheet available online
- ICD 11 is:
 - Easy to install
 - Can be used on or off-line
 - Very comprehensive
- An unknown is whether countries such as the U.S., Canada, Germany , and Australia can accept it as it is without an Official Modification (CM) for morbidity

What happened with ICD-10?



- US spent years developing a Clinical Modification (CM)
- Australia adopted ICD-10-AU for mortality in 1998 and for morbidity in 1999
- Canada adopted ICD-10-CA in 2000
- Germany adopted ICD-10-GM in 2000
- Some countries adopted ICD-10 as early as 1994
- The US adopted ICD-10-CM and PCS **in 2015!**

What caused the U.S. delay?



- U.S. added a significant number of codes in:
 - Chapter 19: Injuries, Poisoning
 - Chapter 20: Consequences of External Cause and External Causes of Morbidity
- U.S. was the last developed country to adopt

Other reasons for the CM delay

- Much detail was added to the system
- August 2008 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published
- January 2009 Final Rule published stipulating 10/1/2013 compliance date
- September 2012 another Final Rule published delaying compliance date until 10/1/2014
- April 2013 Congress passes ***Protecting Access to Medicare Act*** prohibiting the HHS Secretary from requiring ICD-10-CM compliance before 10/1/2015

Progress on ICD-11



- English and Spanish versions are available online
- Many countries finished with translations—China completed work last year – reports indicate they have invested millions
- This year's Mid-year meetings will address—The WHO Education and Implementation Committee and the Morbidity Reference Group

US Implementation



- **Mortality:** U.S. required to implement for Underlying Cause of Death Coding (UCOD)
- **Morbidity:** U.S. will need to address implementation
- NCVHS convened working meeting in 2019 to obtain input from broad range of experts and stakeholders and issued recommendations aimed to support timely (i.e., unprotracted) implementation

NCVHS Recommendations:



NCVHS issued letter to Secretary in November 2019 with 3 recommendations to HHS aimed to support smoother, less costly and burdensome implementation:

- HHS **conduct research to evaluate the impact of different approaches to the transition** implementation of ICD-11 in the United States for mortality and morbidity classification.
- HHS **provide timely leadership on strategic outreach and communications** to the U.S. healthcare industry about the transition to ICD-11.
- HHS Secretary ensure appropriate federal priority, as needed, for efforts to **negotiate the ICD copyright issues to ensure that copyright will not be a barrier** to U.S. adoption and use of ICD-11.



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