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# Terms of Reference for the WHO-FIC Family Development Committee

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## Abstract

*The current terms of reference for the Family Development Committee (FDC) have been in place since 2003. At the April 2005 meeting the Planning Committee agreed that terms of reference of the WHO-FIC Committees should be reviewed. This paper presents a draft of new terms for the FDC for discussion at the WHO-FIC Network Meeting in Tokyo.*

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## Introduction

The scope and emphasis of the WHO-FIC work may change as plans for ICD-11 and the relationship between classifications and terminologies are developing. At the April 2005 meeting the Planning Committee agreed that terms of reference of the WHO-FIC Committees should be reviewed and discussed at the October Network meeting. The following Terms of Reference for the Family Development Committee have been in place since the 2003.

1. To keep under review, and update as necessary, the structure and content of the WHO-FIC.
2. To specify a mechanism for consideration of new family members.
3. To consider proposals for membership of WHO-FIC, to nominate location within the family, and to assign an appropriate status to the classification.
4. To consider the implications for WHO-FIC of the development and implementation of clinical terminologies, and recommend appropriate actions to the Network.
5. To work with other proprietors of classifications to consider appropriate linkages between WHO-FIC and other classifications.
6. To oversee work on development or application of WHO-FIC as requested by the Network.
7. To prepare an annual report to the Network on the activities of the Committee.

## Proposed new Terms of Reference

The Chair of the FDC reviewed the existing terms of reference and proposes the following for discussion.

1. To keep under review, and update as necessary, the structure and content of the WHO-FIC.
2. To manage the mechanism for consideration of new family members.
3. To promote the WHO-FIC structure and content to relevant international agencies.
4. To consider proposals for membership of WHO-FIC, to nominate location within the family, and to assign an appropriate status to the classification.
5. To work with other proprietors of classifications to consider appropriate linkages between WHO-FIC and other classifications.
6. To oversee work on development or application of WHO-FIC as requested by the Network.
7. To monitor statistical uses of WHO-FIC classifications as requested by the Network.

8. To advise the Network on WHO-FIC responses to and linkages with terminology and casemix developments.

9. To prepare an annual report to the Network on the activities of the Committee.