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Introduction

This is the sixth annual report of the WHO Update and Revision Committee (URC), formerly the Update Reference Committee (URC). The URC was established in March 2000 to recommend modifications to ICD-10 to the annual meeting of Heads of WHO Collaborating Centres for the Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC).

At the annual meeting of the WHO-FIC held in Reykjavik, Iceland, 24-30 October 2004, NCCH stepped down from the chair and secretariat duties for the URC. The Centre Heads for the Collaborating Centres of the WHO-FIC proposed and approved CIHI of the NACC with Mea Renahan and Lori Moskal as the incoming chair and secretariat respectively. All members of the WHO-FIC express sincere appreciation to our colleagues at the NCCH for their leadership and stewardship of this committee for its first five years. In particular we wish to acknowledge the leadership of Rosemary Roberts.

A handover meeting was held in Toronto, February 3, 4, & 7, 2005. In attendance: Julie Rust, NCCH; Bedirhan Ustun and Cam Celik, WHO, and Caroline Heick, Lori Moskal and Mea Renahan, CIHI. Rosemary Roberts, NCCH, participated in several planning sessions leading up to this meeting. We thank Rosemary for her guidance and contributions and regret that she was unable to attend the official hand-over meeting. The primary topics for discussion at this meeting were - -

- URC policies and procedures – web tools to be provided by WHO to streamline the processes – no action taken to date
- Update or revision – how do we distinguish (for further discussion at Tokyo WHO-FIC meeting, 16-22, October 2005)
- Change in title – change in terms of reference (for further discussion at Toyko WHO-FIC meeting, 16-22, October 2005)
- Maintenance of all information and updates from URC on the WHO website – transfer from NCCH website occurred September 2005
- Establish a standardized process and reporting system for the Centres undertaking the Special Clinical Topics Review. A teleconference was held on February 9, 2005, with representatives from WHO-CAT, CIHI, Australia, Nordic Centre,

German Centre and the NACC, where the processes were outlined and the reporting tool approved with modifications.

Achievements in 2004

URC work program

Seventy-two (72) recommendations for change were considered by the URC during 2004. Consensus was reached on thirty (30) recommendations prior to the WHO-FIC Network meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland (October 2004). Forty-two (42) recommendations were decided at the meeting.
Of these forty-two (42) recommendations:

- Twenty-four (24) were supported for inclusion;
- Eight (8) were held over for further work by the URC
- Ten (10) were not supported/withdrawn.

Some of the major decisions reached in 2004

Creation of the following new codes - -

- K22.7 *Barrett's oesophagus*
- K85.0 – K85.9 for acute pancreatitis by aetiology
- M79.7 *Fibromylagia*
- R29.6 *Tendency to fall, not elsewhere classified*
- R50.2 *Drug induced fever*
- Z85.7 *Exposure to tobacco smoke*
- M31.7 *Microscopic polyangiitis*
- Z92.6 *Personal history of chemotherapy for neoplastic disease*
- O60.- *Preterm labour* (change of code title and fourth character expansion for with preterm delivery, with term delivery and without delivery)

Improved indexing and inclusion terms for - -

- Eisenmenger's syndrome, defect and complex
- Extrasystoles
- Arthrodesis status
- Lewy body dementia

Other improvements - -

- Revision of wording in notes and definitions for transport accidents
- Revision and addition of wording in the Instruction Manual in relation to assumed direct consequences of another condition, secondary hypertension and codes not to be used if the underlying cause is known

Official updates

Overall, there was consensus on 75% of the recommendations for change in 2004. These have now been included in the official updates for ICD-10.
The URC produced the official updates in two formats - -

- Individual list of official updates for 2004
- Cumulative list of official updates from 1996 to 2004

The cumulative list includes the corrigenda and the unique URC work item identifier, source of recommendation, date update approved, type of update (major/minor), and implementation date.
The official updates were sent to WHO in March 2005 and are available for downloading on the WHO ICD-10 URC webpage:
http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/icd10updates/en/index.html

URC Forum

The URC Forum is an e-mail morbidity discussion list established by the URC in 2001. The two objectives of the discussion list are - -

1. To provide a forum for discussion of morbidity coding and classification issues for members of the URC and other Collaborating Centre nominated representatives.
2. To provide a forum for further discussion of URC work items between URC members with the aim of streamlining the URC process.

Some of the topics discussed this year on the URC forum, which may in turn provide the basis for future proposals, include - -

- external cause codes for terrorism
- the classification of extension of myocardial infarction
- Miller-Fisher syndrome
- the inter-relationship of drug dependence and drug withdrawal codes

CIHI thanks the NCCH for their continued support to the Forum. These duties will be transferred to CIHI shortly.

URC work program for 2005

Examples of major work items under consideration by the URC in 2005 are - -

- creation of 2 new codes for thrombophilia
- re-classification of acid phosphatase deficiency and hypophosphatasia
- revision of the codes for ulcerative colitis
- re-classification of glucagonoma and insulinoma
- classification of acute hepatitis NOS
- classification of benign neoplasm of the prostate
- creation of new codes specifying the staging of pressure ulcers
- creation of a new code for post-polio syndrome

- deletion of the country specific note regarding the classification of gastroenteritis at category A09 and the creation of new codes for gastroenteritis of infection and unspecified origin
- creation of new codes for dysplasia of the prostate
- creation of a new category for systemic inflammatory response syndrome
- classification of subsequent myocardial infarctions

In the period from January to June 2005, 83 new recommendations for update to ICD-10 were received by the URC secretariat. There were 3 issues withdrawn in 2004, which were resubmitted for consideration in 2005 for a total of 86 recommendations to be considered by the committee in 2005. An additional 13 issues were discussed by the MRG, with no change to the classification required.

Other issues in relation to the work of the URC

During this past year, the CIHI has been tasked with creating ICD-10-CA, the Canadian clinical modification of ICD-10, in both English and French. This process has highlighted the many differences between these two language versions of ICD-10 and the multiple issues that can arise when a direct translation of the classification is done. From CIHI's perspective, it appears that data collection may vary depending on the language used. *The question of whether or not the official translations of ICD-10 should be reviewed for consistency will be raised within the planned sessions of the URC.*

As noted in the annual report presented in Reykjavik in October 2004, the publication of the second edition of ICD-10 has warranted some changes to the presentation of recommendations for update. *A separate section devoted to errata in the second edition has been added, including the fact that some errata are found only in the paper version of the classification, while the electronic browser is correct.*

Updating/Revising Specific Clinical Topics in ICD-10

The URC has continued the process of evaluating and revising special clinical topics in ICD-10 as outlined by the former chair and secretariat in the issues paper #070 presented in Reykjavik in October 2004. These are multiple large scale updates needed in ICD-10 that have been deemed out of the scope of the annual updating process. Several Collaborating Centres have agreed to lead these large-scale reviews. In anticipation of a revision of ICD-10, these Centres have agreed to participate in a pilot that will help establish the template for the revision process. The topics and volunteer Centres are - -

- Mental health – WHO-CAT
- Diabetes – NCCH
- Cystic fibrosis – NACC
- Lymphoma's – German Centre
- External causes of injury – NORDIC Centre
- Mitochondrial disorders – tabled

- Post-procedural disorders – tabled

The goals of the special clinical topics pilot project are - -

- to determine the best approach for introducing major changes to ICD-10, including the determination of the appropriate structure, classification axis and units, indexing, linkages, language issues, etc.
- to identify any impact on other chapters and conventions within ICD-10
- to examine the possibility of establishing a classification-terminology link, such as, SNOMED-CT to ICD-10 to facilitate adoption in the electronic health record (eHR)

A status report from each of these Centres will be presented in the ICD Plenary session at the Tokyo WHO-FIC meeting, 16-22, October 2005.