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International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision – ICD-10
Second edition

This new edition of WHO’s International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) has been fully updated. Originally published in the early 1990s, ICD-10 now incorporates all updates and other changes to this core health classification since 1996.

In 2000, WHO formed an international panel to review and collate all adjustments to the ICD-10 proposed by many institutions around the world. Panel members consult several times a year and this definitive second edition of ICD-10 is the result of their work. The new edition has hundreds of updates, and includes new diseases such as SARS, to ensure that the classification is entirely suited to today’s needs.

Improvements have been made to the rules and guidelines for mortality coding, making them easier to implement and which will result in the improved comparability of international mortality statistics. In addition, there are many additions and changes to the alphabetical index resulting in some 60 additional pages, making it far more comprehensive than that of the first edition.

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A core task

One of WHO’s core tasks is to develop international classifications on aspects of health and disease so that data can be more easily collected, stored, analysed and interpreted. ICD-10 is WHO’s central classification from which specialty classifications derive.

By enabling data to be compared over time and across populations around the globe, ICD-10 helps us to understand what keeps us healthy, what makes us sick and, ultimately, what kills us. ICD-10 is the key both to better health statistics and to a deeper insight into health problems.

Used by health professionals, government statisticians, epidemiologists, insurance companies and many others, ICD-10 is the major international classification of health and disease - approved by WHO’s 192 Member States at the World Health Assembly and updated by the WHO Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC) network.

ICD-10 has become the standard international diagnostic classification for all general epidemiological and many health management purposes. These include the analysis of the general health situation of population groups, and monitoring the incidence and prevalence of diseases and other health problems. ICD-10 is used to classify diseases and other conditions that are recorded on many types of health documents, including death certificates and hospital records, that provide the basis for compiling national and international mortality and morbidity statistics.

Contents
The three-volume second edition of ICD-10 follows the same structure as the first edition, with the addition of a chapter (XXII. Codes for special purposes) made necessary by the emergence of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and the need for an interim solution for the coding of this major health problem.

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