Australia and ICD-11

What is ICD-11?

The World Health Organization’s International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) is used to standardise the way we report causes of death across the world. Australia uses ICD-10 for coding mortality (cause of death) and ICD-10-AM for coding of diseases and related health problems in hospitals (morbidity).

The WHO’s Eleventh Revision of ICD (ICD-11) brings the reporting of mortality and morbidity into one classification. Scientific research institutions, clinical working groups and international data analysts from over 90 countries have assisted in the development and field testing of ICD-11.

Countries have been given a version of ICD-11 to start looking at how it might be implemented for reporting. The WHO anticipates that ICD-11 will be presented to the World Health Assembly (the decision-making group of WHO) in May 2019 which will pave the way for countries to begin the adoption of ICD-11.

Visit the WHO’s website to find out more about the features of ICD-11

WHO’s International Classification of Diseases: https://icd.who.int

ICD-11 Review for Australia

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) is conducting a review of ICD-11 to inform and assist decision-makers about ICD-11 and its potential for adoption in Australia.

The AIHW is designated as the Australian Collaborating Centre (ACC) for the WHO’s Family of International Classifications. The membership of the ACC is Australian and New Zealand organisations that have an interest and experience in working with health classifications. The work of the ACC has contributed to the development of ICD-11.

Contribute to the Review

If you have comments about the potential adoption of ICD-11 in Australia please contact the AIHW project team:

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