



# World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for the Family of International Classifications Australia

ICD-11 Stakeholder Update - January 2022

## Welcome

As the head of the Australian Collaborating Centre, I'd like to welcome you to our new series of updates about national and international health classification activities. We intend to produce these updates twice a year and will focus in particular on activities related to ICD-11 and its potential use in Australia. This is just one of the ways we are keeping people informed as we work toward a decision on Australia's approach to ICD-11. We also plan to hold workshops, webinars and other ways for you to be involved as things progress, so watch this space.

I hope you find this informative reading!

**Michael Frost**

*Head, Australian Collaborating Centre for the WHO-FIC*

## ICD-11 Update

### *ICD-11 Implementation Planning*

The AIHW is the national agency leading the implementation planning for ICD-11 in Australia. Although no decision has been made to implement ICD-11 in Australia, the AIHW is leading the work toward a decision on implementation.

The AIHW published a stakeholder review in 2020 containing recommendations for the potential implementation of ICD-11 in Australia. The review contained views from stakeholders interviewed in early 2019. This [report is available on the AIHW website](#).

In June 2021, the AIHW held a workshop to re-validate these recommendations, with the following outcomes:

- The majority of the recommendations were still valid.
- An overwhelming priority identified was the establishment of a national ICD-11 Task Force (the Task Force), which would be initially tasked with developing a roadmap to decision making as a priority.
- Evidence needs to be gathered on whether ICD-11 is fit for purpose for a range of different use cases in Australia.

At its recent meeting, the Australian Health Classifications Advisory Committee supported the establishment of the Task Force, with details to be confirmed out of session in early 2022.

## National health indicator mapping

The AIHW recently supervised final year HIM students on placement, who undertook a mapping exercise on 10 national health indicators. The students mapped the ICD-10-AM codes used in these indicators to codes from ICD-11 for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics (MMS). The national health indicators related to Hospital Acquired Conditions, Drug and alcohol, Diabetes, Heart Failure, COPD and Delirium. Preliminary results showed:

One to one mapping	Extension code(s) required	Incongruous mapping
63%	25%	11%

The outcomes of this work are informing the consideration for potential implementation in Australia.

## Recent ICD-11 publications and presentation by Australians

Professor James Harrison, Flinders University, co-authored a review titled 'ICD-11: an international classification of diseases for the twenty-first century' with Stefanie Weber, Robert Jakob and Christopher G Chute. The article was recently published online and is available on open access.

Vicki Bennett and Brooke Macpherson recently gave an update at the HIMAA Conference in October 2021.

ICD-11 in Australia  
An update on the activities to implement ICD-11 in Australia.  
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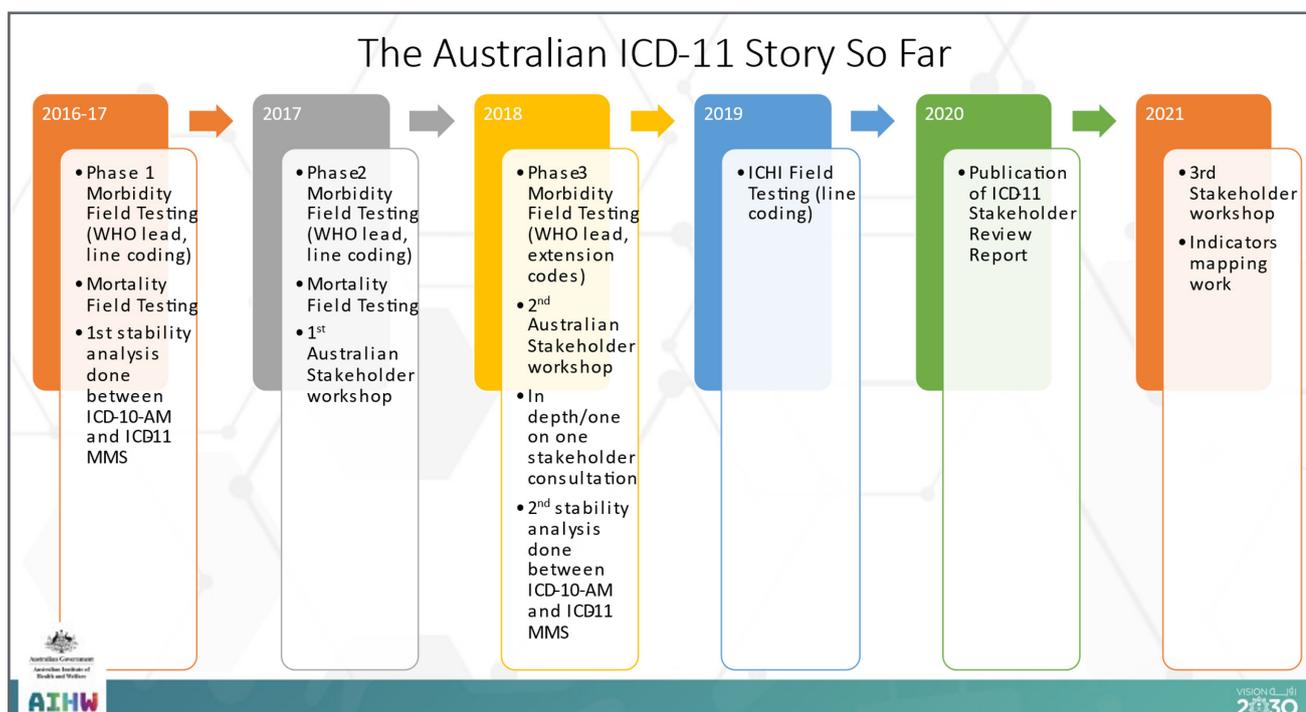
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### ICD-11 in Australia – HIMAA Conference Update

Vicki Bennett and Brooke Macpherson  
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and  
Australian Collaborating Centre for the  
WHO Family of International Classifications Network

Vicki Bennett recently presented at the International Federation of Health Information Management Associations (IFHIMA)/ Saudi Arabia Health Information Management Association's (SHIMA) co-sponsored 2nd Annual Conference which was held virtually on 7-8 December 2021. This presentation provided an overview of where Australia is up to in our consideration of ICD-11 for use in Australia and the task already underway to explore ICD-11's utility in a variety of settings within the Australian health care system.

You can listen to a podcast of the presentation [here](#).



## What are other countries doing about ICD-11?

PAHO Region [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INJ\\_eHOo9yE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INJ_eHOo9yE)

Canada: [Classifications and Terminologies Newsletter, June 2021 | CIHI](#)

Kuwait: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDZn35SMKMjW0JpOQTA\\_Uvg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDZn35SMKMjW0JpOQTA_Uvg) (there are many videos available on this channel)

For more information about ICD-11 visit the WHO's ICD-11 home page: [ICD-11 \(who.int\)](#)

## WHO-FIC Network Update

The WHO-FIC Network assists and advises WHO to develop, disseminate, implement, maintain, and update the WHO Family of International Classifications to support national and international health information systems, statistics, and evidence to improve health.

The WHO-FIC Network held its annual meeting from 18-22 October 2021. The meeting was held virtually for the second year in a row, due to difficulties with travel owing to the COVID pandemic.

The theme of the meeting was *Unleashing the power of innovation in health information*. Over 430 participants from 70 countries attended the meeting, including 19 from the Australian Centre.

The main method of communication within the Network is by the means of a poster booklet, published for each Network meeting. The poster booklet for the 2021 meeting is available to download on the [WHO website](#).

### Contact Us

The Metadata and METeOR Unit at the AIHW is the contact point for all enquiries relating to the WHO-FIC Network, the Australian Collaborating Centre and activities relating to ICD-11 implementation in Australia. Email us at [who-fic-acc@aihw.gov.au](mailto:who-fic-acc@aihw.gov.au).