

ICPC RELATED ACTIVITIES 2012

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ICPC-2-DK

In 2011 Danish GPs signed a new agreement with the health authorities making ICPC-coding of chronic diseases mandatory in primary health care. All Danish practices have electronic patient records and by now ICPC coding is widely implemented. Furthermore, 62% of all practices report their data to the Danish General Practice Database.

The Danish Quality Unit of General practice houses the database and in return to data input, they provide practices with quality reports based on ICPC-codes, prescriptions and laboratory data: http://www.dak-e.dk/flx/english/dak_e_it/demos_of_data_capture/

Currently, the challenge for general practice is: how to turn provided quality reports into high quality care for patients - with special focus on poorly regulated patients, non-attenders etc. Publication:

http://www.dak-e.dk/files/190/international_journal_of_family_medicine_2012.pdf

Most web based information for GPs has been coded with ICPC-2 in order to make relevant information easy accessible.

Since 2011 Marianne, Erik and GP Erik Karstoft have been publishing monthly clinical vignettes illustrating how to ICPC-code various clinical problems (22 in all).

Finally, the Danish Quality Unit of General Practice is hosting an ICPC group of representatives from the 5 Danish Regions in order to coordinate implementation and to facilitate discussions of and national agreements on tricky diagnostic issues. This ICPC group also proposes changes for ICPC-2 forwarded to the WICC update-group.

SNOMED-CT

Erik Falkø has previously participated in the group working with Snomed-CT as a primary care representative, but he stopped this year and the Danish college has not been able to find a replacement and decided to withdraw from this work.

NEW INITIATIVES

The Region of Southern Denmark together with The Danish Quality Unit of General practice have planned a pilot trial of ICPC-coding by chiropractors with the intention to extend nationally during 2013.

REPLACEMENTS

Due to work as a full-time solo practitioner from the beginning of 2012 Erik Falkø has decided to leave WICC by the end of this year.

Preben Larsen, GP and ICPC-consultant, will attend WICC-meeting 2012 as an observer.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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My current work includes research and teaching in medically unexplained symptoms, mental disorders and classification in primary care. I am also a member of the WHO Primary Care Consultation group for the Revision of ICD-10 Mental and Behavioral Disorders. Otherwise I have no financial or non-financial conflicts of interest.

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No conflicts of interest.

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