

ICPC RELATED ACTIVITIES 2013

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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. This has been fully implemented by April, 1st 2013. All Danish practices have electronic patient records and ICPC-codes are transferred together with other systematized data to a national database: the Danish General Practice Database. By now 96, 8 % of all practices report their data to the Danish General Practice Database and more than 50% of all GPs apply ICPC codes to at least 70% of their patient contacts.

The Danish Quality Unit of General Practice (DAK-E) houses the database and in return to data input, they provide practices with quality reports based on ICPC-codes, prescriptions and laboratory data and National Health Service remuneration codes; examples shown on website: 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

ICPC-2 is implemented in 10 of 11 of the Danish EMR systems representing 74% of all EMR users. The remaining users are using ICPC-1, but expected to have ICPC-2 implemented within 1 year.

From 2011-2013 Marianne Rosendal, Erik Falkoe and GP Erik Karstoft have published monthly clinical vignettes illustrating how to ICPC-code various clinical problems (24 in all). An ICPC e-learning program and web based service for ICPC-coding problems are freely available.

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.

Work on implementation of ICPC-2 codes in Danish medical journals of general practice as a basis for indexing articles is ongoing. Furthermore, the Danish national web health portal (www.sundhed.dk) includes guidelines and referral guidelines to hospitals. Search entry to the health portal is indexed by ICPC-2 where the code leads to relevant guidelines and decision support. The fully alphabetical index of ICPC-2 is planned to be implemented as a search entry to the national health web portal.

SNOMED-CT

Erik Falkoe has previously participated in the group working with Snomed-CT as a primary care representative, but he stopped in 2012 and the Danish college has not been able to find a replacement and decided to withdraw from this work.

REPLACEMENTS

Due to work as a full-time solo practitioner from the beginning of 2012 Erik Falkø has left WICC in 2012. Preben Larsen, GP and ICPC-consultant in the Danish Quality Unit of General Practice, attended WICC-meeting 2012 as an observer and is now associate member of WICC.

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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