

ICPC in Brazil 2012

ICPC was almost not known up to 2009 when it was published in Brazil for the first time. It was just known by few family doctors/ general practitioners, not more than 100 in 30000. In 2009 it was translated, published in PDF and available for free for research and GP use since Brazil has paid for its rights to Wonca.

We have developed a Working Party in Brazilian Society of Family and Community Medicine for IT and ICPC. In November 2010 with help of Kees and Sibö from TranHis we accessed four EHR looking for classifications and episode orientation. Just two which were from Portugal were using ICPC but in encounter base. Although we didn't certified we spread our impression and these two are the software being implemented in Brazil since then. Other software are at this moment implementing ICPC mostly for RFE. Although classification in PHC is not mandatory in Brazil it is required a ICD 10 code for some exams, referrals and hospitalizations.

ICPC 2 has been used for research purposes and thousands of GPs had at least contact with it. The first grant we got from Ministry to translate, publish and start WG finished and we are looking for more grant and we will try through research agencies.