

Report from Norway - Norwegian College of General Practitioners.

See also report from Taran Borge on behalf of The Norwegian Directorate for e-Health.

The main topic for the classification committee has been to support Norwegian membership of the ICPC3 Consortium. In Norway, ICPC2 are used by all GPs in their daily practice, and the Norwegian College has supported Norwegian membership of the Consortium. The Directorate for e-Health is responsible for all classification systems used in Norway. Regrettably, the Directorate decided in April 2018 not to support Norwegian membership of the Consortium. The College has up to now concluded that it is not feasible to use money and resources on a work, which is not supported by the government in charge.

The e-Health Directorate has also published an extension of ICPC2, based on mapping to ICD-10. The intention has been to deliver more specific codes for a number of diseases which are not given separate codes in ICPC2. The codes have up to now been implemented in only one EPJ system, so experiences are limited. The Classification committee has not been involved in this work. Doctors who have used the codes report some difficulties when using it.

The classification committee has also worked with initiatives to maintain and develop educational resources for ICPC2 in the medical curriculum and the CME courses in Norway. An ongoing project looks on the quality of ICPC2 coding in GP practices in Southern Norway.

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