

Country report : French speaking Belgium 2018

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About WICC web site <http://www.ph3c.org> .

Marc Jamouille is the webmaster of the WICC web site. He wants the support of a young WICC member

About ICPC-2

Public sector

Despite the fact that Belgium was, in 2003, one of the first countries to buy the license for ICPC-2, the field of first-line classifications was abandoned by the Ministry of Health. The lobbies that manage hospital health in Belgium tipped the scales towards SNOMED-CT whose license was acquired by Belgium, renewable annually. Few (less than five) hospitals use it. The 3BT terminology, which aligned French and Dutch terms with ICPC-2 and ICD-10, was dropped.

As part of e-health Belgium, general practitioners can send a summary, named SUMEHR (for Summarized Health Record) of the computerized medical file on a secure central database accessible to the doctors in charge of the patient. The clinical data are in principle coded by ICPC. But there is neither controlled terminology nor quality control of the data, which in any case are not analyzed.

ICPC continues to be used routinely in Medical homes and Family Planning Centers and is present in most general medical software but to our knowledge no data is collected except by the Federation of Medical Homes (contact benjamin.fauquert@ulb.ac.be). This data is collected for about 120.000 patients. (<https://www.maisonmedicale.org/-Tableau-de-bord-programme-.html>).

University sector

- Université libre de Bruxelles / School of Public Health : Benjamin Fauquert is piloting a project which aimed at indexing EBM guideline collection (from Finland and distributed by www.ebpnet.be in Belgium) in ICPC and SNOMED-CT to better link it to Electronic health record.
- University of Liege : ICPC is taught in the GP/FM master program by Prof VanMeerbeek
- University of Louvain : ICPC is taught in the GP/FM master program by Dr F. Raucoux
- Interuniversity Center for Francophone General Practice (CCFFMG): The CCFFMG brings together the Department of General Practice of the 3 French-speaking Belgian universities, namely UCL (Louvain), ULB (Brussels, ULg (Liege) for a pedagogical collaboration (refer to www.mgtfe.be in French). A common framework has been set up to guide the final work (TFE –Travaux de Fin d’Etude) of the master in GP/FM (<http://www.mgtfe.be/le-guide-dindexation-dun-tfe/>) . The final works (TFE) will need to be indexed by the 3CGP (Core Content Classification of General Practice) system which includes ICPC-2 and Q-Codes, a contextual classification of the practice (<http://3cgp.docpatient.net/>) . Due to the use of ICPC in 3CGP, the CCFFMG is interested in the development of ICPC-3.

General practice sector

Like what happened in France, there is for the moment a rapprochement between trade unions and professional organizations of general medicine. A structure is born; the Francophone College of General Medicine. It is possible that this college is interested in the development of ICPC-3

The medical homes are working on a learning module about episode logic and ICPC for GP, nurses, physiotherapists and social workers aimed at registering information in a transdisciplinary EHR.

Publications including ICPC-2

- The development of the 3CGP database has led to numerous publications that are available online at <http://3cgp.docpatient.net/publications/>
- The web pages of the Departement d'Information et d'informatique médicale, Rouen University allow you to consult ICPC-2 in 21 languages see

Main tree ICPC : http://hetop.eu/hetop/?la=en&rr=CIP_C_ARBO

Process ICPC : http://hetop.eu/hetop/?la=en&rr=CIP_C_ARBOPROC

For this purpose the new Process codes have been translated in French

- ICPC-2 Process is also available as a classified term list in A4 format recto-verso , also available in Excell, fit for computer use on <http://3cgp.docpatient.net/publications/>

 English

 French

 Portuguese

 Spanish

- No publication about ICPC in clinical settings has been published in French-speaking Belgium.

About Quaternary Prevention

The concept of quaternary prevention has become an international standard in the teaching of general practice thanks to its dissemination by the WICC since 2003. The WONCA Special Interest Group for Quaternary Prevention & Over-Medicalisation (QP & O), born in 2017, is very active and has organized numerous events in Latin America and Europe (<https://prevencioncuaternaria.wordpress.com/>). A QP workshop is planned at WONCA World Seoul. Several members of WICC are members of the QP&O group. The Chairman of QP&O, Miguel Pizzanelli, from Uruguay, is also a member of WICC. The University of the Republic (UDELAR), Uruguay, organized this year the first option course on quaternary prevention as part of the master of GP / FM. A database of QP & O publications is available from Miguel Pizzanelli (miguel.pizzanelli@gmail.com)

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