

The use of ICPC in Spain – status update 2018

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Clinical validation of mapping between the health problem Classifications used in primary care in Spain

The Health System in Spain is not homogeneous and it varies depending on each region (called Autonomy). Now a day we can say that Electronic Patient Record is 100% used in public health sector all around Spain. But programs use different classifications depending on the Autonomous Government. In order to code the health problems seen in primary care, ICD9MC, ICD10 and ICPC2 are used.

ICPC2 has been used for research for many years by voluntary GPs. But as far as the Electronic Health Record has spread its use, and makes available large data based on primary care encounters, the research of morbidity based is now on routinely collected data.

Some autonomous use ICPC-2 in Primary Care in Spain (Madrid, Basque Country). Not in Catalonia, that use ICD-10.

In order to make data comparable through all Spain, The Spanish Ministry of Health commenced some years ago a substantial work to map the different international classifications that are used for coding the attended health problems in Primary Care through the different Autonomous Communities. The classifications were:

- International Classification of Diseases (ICD) version 9CM.
- International Classification of Diseases (ICD) version 10.
- *International Classification of Primary Care (ICPC) version 2.*

The Spanish Society of Family Medicine was in charge to validate, from a clinical point of view, the mapping developed and Sebastian Juncosa led the work.