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  - Topic Advisory Group (TAGs)
  - Accuracy Assurance Coordinators
  - International Classification of Health Interventions representatives

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This fifth edition of the Newsletter aims to update you regarding the last ALLERGY in ICD-11 business meeting, held on 3rd March 2017, Atlanta, USA. In this meeting we highlighted the historic background of the initiative and discussed the forthcoming steps.

The core ICD operational group thanks very much the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Clinical Immunology (AAAAI) to help organizing the business meeting and the allergy academies representatives for the attendance.

PARTICIPANTS: All major regional and international allergy academies were represented: AAAAI (apologies from Robert Lemanske, Thomas Casale, Thomas Fleisher), APAAACI (Ruby Pawankar, apologies from Yoon-Seok Chang, Francis Thien, Hee-Bom Moon), ACAAI (apologies from James Sublett and Bryan L. Martin), EAACI (Antonella Muraro, Ioana Agache, Lars Polsen, Sue Paredi, apologies from Nikos Papadopoulos), SLAAI (Edgardo Jares, apologies from Juan Carlos Sisul, Maximiliano Gomez), WAO (Mario Sanchez-Borges, Ignacio Anzotegui, apologies from Lanny Rosenwasser)

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ALLERGY in ICD-11 BUSINESS MEETING

AIMS:

1. The ALLERGY in ICD-11 initiative actions overview
2. Report of the WHO ICD face-to-face meeting, Geneva (May 2016)
3. ICD-11 Revision Conference, Tokyo (October 2016)
4. Designation as WHO CC updates
5. Identify potential collaborators for the forthcoming steps of the ICD-11 revision
Since 2013, we have developed efforts for a better classification of the allergic and hypersensitivity conditions in the ongoing International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-11 revision. During the process we could keep bilateral dialog with representatives of the WHO ICD revision by providing them scientific and technical evidences for the need of changes in the ICD framework. The actions have been supported and acknowledged by major allergy academies, named Joint Allergy Academies*, and we have been documenting all the steps by peer-reviewed publications**. We have been keeping continuous communication with all relevant parts through reports, newsletters, publications and other communication channels. The main outcome of the process was the construction of the pioneer “Allergic and hypersensitivity conditions” sections under the “Immune system disorders” chapter of the ICD-11 beta framework upon the WHO ICD representatives guidance. The building process of the new section was a detailed technical/scientific labor-intensive construction in which we had to reach a consensus with all the specialties with whom we have overlapping conditions. We strongly believe that it can be considered as a key move in the history of the Allergy specialty by giving it the deserved recognition by the WHO and by the other specialties, which will contribute for the better clinical practice and public health actions.
WHO ICD face-to-face meeting  
Geneva, May 2016

2 days of technical meeting

• Participants: 5 WHO ICD representatives/staff members
• Presentation of background + current prospective actions of the initiative
• Acknowledgements:
  – Work done and timing
  – Collaboration between Allergy Academies

• Methodological ways to reach:
  – Quality assurance
  – Stability
  – Reliability, feasibility, usability

• Remaining implementations into the ICD-11 Beta platform
• Inputs in the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI)
• First discussion: designation as WHO Collaborating Center

Analysis of ICD-11 allergy sets to improve accuracy and data comparability
Allergy in ICD-11

ICD-11 Revision Conference
Tokyo, October 2016

4 days meeting

Participants: 450 participants from 6 WHO regions

• WHO leadership
• 60 Members of States

Presentation of Allergy in ICD-11: advances and use

• Undernotification and misclassification of allergic and hypersensitivity conditions – low accuracy morbidity and mortality statistics
• The example of anaphylaxis

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Discussion:

• Importance in clinical practice
• Collaboration with TAGs and WGs: scientific discussions and collaboration between more than 1/3 of all groups involved in the ICD-11 revision
• Discussion and procedures: WHO Collaborating Center
Designation as WHO Collaborating Centre

WHO Collaborating Centre for Classification Scientific Support (CSS) for Allergic and Hypersensitivity Conditions

• Formal invitation from the WHO: May 2016
• Submission: October 2016
• Currently:
  – Carrying on the discussions
  – WHO internal review

International Academic Network for Allergy Classification and Coding Proposal

AIMS AND FOCUS

To contribute to the validation process of the new ICD-11 “Allergy and hypersensitivity conditions” chapter

• To reach quality assurance (field testing procedures)
• To reach accuracy: sensibility and specificity
• To reach feasibility and usability

PROFILE OF THE NETWORK

• Non-governmental
• Mainly web-based clinical network

POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS

• 1-2 center(s) suggested by each Academy according to the criteria discussed
• Preferably from different WHO regions
• Agreed terms of reference and work plan coordinated by the WHO Collaborating Centre
AGENDA

- Institutional names and data
- Signed and agreed terms of reference and work plan from the head of the Department and of the Institution
- Letters from the Joint Allergy Academies to confirm their support to the initiative: received from AAAAI, WAO, SLAAI and APAAACI.
- Technical meetings will be scheduled with the contributors
- Publications to document the steps of the process
- Education program
- Keep the discussion with TAGs
- Carry on working in the ICD-11 platform together with the WHO
- Keep working in accuracy assurance process in collaboration with the WHO ICD representatives

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