

JULY 2004 NACC CLEARINGHOUSE ON ICF

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Five presentations from the June 1 "Tutorial on ICF" and 53 presentations from the June 2-4 Tenth Annual NACC Conference on ICF are now available for viewing and downloading at <http://www.icfconference.com/presentations.shtml>. Thanks to all the participants for their contributions. A special thanks to Kathey Cauley, Conference Coordinator at the Canadian Institute for Health Information for assembling this information so quickly.

2. ICF SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE NFI HAS MET FOUR TIMES

The New Freedom Initiative Committee <http://www.hhs.gov/newfreedom/> was established by the Office on Disability/HHS to monitor and promote activities of the NFI, which has these goals: increase access to assistive and universally designed technologies; expand educational opportunities; promote homeownership; integrate Americans with disabilities into the workforce; expand transportation options; promote full access to community life; and support sound health care policy for people with disabilities. The ICF provides a standard language for the description of these goals. The ICF Subcommittee of the NFI was established by the Office on Disability to explore ways in which the ICF can possibly improve understanding and consider DHHS agency applications of progress towards NFI goals. The group has met four times (most recently on July 7, 2004), and has four more meetings scheduled through the balance of 2004. The meeting is Chaired by Dr. Margaret Giannini, Director, Office on Disability, DHHS, and includes representatives from every DHHS agency. Co-Facilitators are Paul Placek of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention pjp2@cdc.gov and Janet Valluzzi of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality jvalluzz@ahrq.gov. The Office on Disability website is www.hhs.gov/od/. jvalluzz@ahrq.gov.

3. YODER ICF-BASED CURRICULUM GUIDE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY AVAILABLE

In March of 2004, Evangeline Yoder, Physical Therapist, and now DHSc, successfully defended her doctoral Thesis at the University of St Augustine, St Augustine, Florida. The title of her Thesis is: "A Curriculum Design for Physical Therapist Education Using ICF, ICD-10 & The APTA Guide to Physical Therapist Practice". Her Product Demonstrating Excellence (PDE) is a Curriculum Guide: "Healthcare Management of Persons with Musculoskeletal Health Conditions". It is over 100 pages long, and it is not available electronically. However, she has nine photocopies of the 100+ page document available and she is sending them out at no cost. Contact her at: Evangeline Yoder PT. DHSc, Hampton University, 10357 Waswick Blvd, Newport News, VA 23602, tel 757-249-2258 and eyoder007@aol.com. Paul Placek also has a few hard copies available.

4. STINEMAN PURSUES ICF IN RESEARCH

Margaret Stineman, M.D., of the University of Pennsylvania, is no stranger to the ICF. She presented at the Ninth Annual NACC Meeting on ICF in St. Louis, and sent in these references and papers to share with us her thinking on ICF and functional status:

Stineman, M.G.: Defining the population, treatments, and outcomes of interest: Reconciling the rules of biology with meaningfulness. *Am J Phys Med Rehabil* 80(2):147-159, 2001.

Stineman, M.G.: A model of health environmental integration. *Top Stroke Rehabil* 8(2):34-45, 2001.

The following NIH-funded projects have ICF concepts being applied in the research.
Health Related Quality Staging
R01 HD37234
Virtual Recovery Simulation
R21 HD045881

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5. SPOTLIGHT ON GALE WHITENECK

Each month we try to highlight the work of researchers who have made significant contributions to the ICF. Gale Whiteneck is long overdue to appear in our Spotlight. He has been the Director of Research at Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colorado since 1986. He is the Principal Investigator for three federal projects on spinal cord injury (SCI), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and mortality after TBI. His investigations focus on functional assessment, handicap/participation measurement, environmental impact assessment, and long-term outcomes. He is the author of three books and nearly 200 articles. He is also widely recognized for his ICIDH and ICF-based measures, the Craig Handicap Assessment and Reporting Technique (CHART) and the Craig Hospital Inventory of Environmental Factors (CHIEF). These measures are used in the National SCI and TBI Databases and other disability research. Dr. Whiteneck has given major presentations on ICIDH/ICF to the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, the American Paralysis Society, the International Society of Paraplegia, and the American Spinal Injury Association. He served as a consultant to the World Health Organization for the revision of ICIDH and the development of the ICF. For example, check out these two papers: Mellick D, Walker N, Brooks CA, Whiteneck G. Incorporating the Cognitive Independence Domain into CHART. *J Rehabil Outcomes Meas* 1999;3(3):12-21. Hall, JM, Dijkers M, Whiteneck G, Brooks C.A., Krause, JS. The Craig Handicap Assessment and Reporting Technique (CHART): Metric Properties and Scoring. *Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation* 1998;4(1):16-30. People often find the little known personal facts about ICF luminaries very interesting, so here are some tidbits which Gale provided about himself: he grew up on a hog farm in Illinois; he worked for a local newspaper for 50 cents an hour in high school; he paid his way through college with photography and graphic arts business; his 1981 PhD is in Speech Communication; his first research consulting job was for a statewide school finance reform lawsuit; his first contact with Craig Hospital was helping the then-Vice President with his dissertation analysis; he is now returning to photography after over 30 years, this time as a hobby and this time digital; he is currently on a list awaiting a kidney transplant, so sign those donor cards; and he is looking forward to attending the Paralympics and a conference in Greece, then cruising the islands. Ask him to send you a postcard from Greece! Dr. Whiteneck is at:

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