

## November NACC Clearinghouse ICF Messages

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Look for a June 1 all-day tutorial on ICF, a June 1 evening registration and welcoming event, two and one-half days of meetings to advance the ICF research agenda, and ending Friday June 4 at noon. The call for papers will be in next month's message. The theme will be "Advancing a Research Agenda for ICF".

## 2. WHO-FIC COLOGNE MEETINGS HAVE MAJOR FOCUS ON ICF

The World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centres for the Family of International Classifications held their annual meeting in Cologne, Germany, on October 19-25, 2003. Members of the North American delegation to the Cologne meeting were Marjorie Greenberg, Head; Robert Anderson, Donna Glenn, Donna Hoyert, Sam Notzon, Donna Pickett and Paul Placek, NCHS/CDC; Diane Caulfeild, Lori Moskal and Mea Renahan, Canadian Institute for Health Information; and Patricia Tully and Patricia Wood from Statistics Canada. Several delegates also attended a meeting of the Mortality Reference Group (MRG) in Cologne on October 16-17. The annual meeting of collaborating centres in Cologne was an opportunity to hold working sessions for all committees and work groups, approve ICD-10 updates, discuss scientific papers and agree to a Work Plan for the coming year. More than 100 papers were presented at the Cologne meeting, with 15 from the North American Collaborating Center.

About one-third of the papers dealt entirely or mostly with ICF, and almost one-fifth contained some ICF information--so at least half of the papers had ICF content. Members of our delegation participated in meetings of the WHO-FIC Implementation Committee (ICD and ICF), Education Committee (Marjorie Greenberg is Chair), Update Reference Committee, Mortality Reference Group (Donna Hoyert is Secretary), Electronic Tools Committee and Family Development Committee (FDC). Donna Pickett is now co-chair of the FDC Terminologies Working Group, which will address cross national use of mappings between SNOMED-CT and ICD, among other issues. Participating in the annual meeting of the WHO FIC Network in Cologne were Heads and representatives of all of the Collaborating Centres, with the exception of the Spanish Language Center from Caracas; the ICD Office of Japan, the ICF Collaborating Centre in Japan, and staff from WHO Headquarters and Regional Offices (PAHO and SEARO). Several ICD and ICF specialists from other European countries and Thailand also attended and made presentations. Mary Chamie of the United Nations Statistics Division participated in the full meeting and welcomed future collaboration on mortality and morbidity statistical issues. Representatives of WONCA (World Organization of Family Doctors) and World Psychiatric Association also attended sessions and made presentations. In all, nearly 100 persons participated in the meetings. A matter of concern at the annual meeting continued to be the inability of WHO to support the ICD infrastructure, including the updating, maintenance and implementation of ICD-10.

The following four classifications were accepted as related members of the Family of International Classifications - the International Classification of External Causes of Injury (ICECI), the International Classification of Primary Care (ICPC-2) for general practice and primary care and reason for encounter coding, the ISO 9999 Classification of Technical Aids for Disabled Persons as an enhancement of the ICF and the Anatomical Therapeutic Chemicals Classification System with Defined Daily Dose. The meeting urged the publication by WHO of the International Classification of Health Interventions,

adapted from the Australian Classification of Health Interventions, for use by countries without an adequate procedure classification. Sixty-nine proposals were ratified for inclusion in ICD-10; WHO again was urged to facilitate consultation with international clinical expert groups to address a number of unresolved classification issues. The Hospital Data Subgroup will continue its work to assess the utility of a diagnosis short list and list of Sentinel procedures for international comparative statistics. Further progress was made in integrating ICF issues into the work plans of the various committees. High priority was given to developing a framework and approach for collecting and sharing information on usage and implementation of ICF in member states. Dr. Rune Simeonsson reported on the status of the ICF for Children and Youth, which is undergoing field testing, and Dr. Geoffrey Reed presented a separate session on the draft Procedural Manual and Guide for a Standardized Application of the ICF, which also is undergoing testing. Finally, the meeting confirmed that the governance arrangements for WHO-FIC would be through an expanded Planning Committee, which will include all Committee Chairs. The group also will take responsibility for developing a Business Plan for the classifications, as requested by Dr. Timothy Evans, the new Assistant Director-General of the Evidence and Information for Policy Cluster at WHO. Dr. Evans, who has a medical degree from McMaster, wrote a Code IDH Training Manual under NCHS contract in 1995.

All meeting papers and presentations are available at:

<http://www.rivm.nl/who-fic/meeting.htm>

The next annual meeting is scheduled to take place October 24 – 30 , 2004 in Reykjavik, Iceland.

### 3. KUKAFKA CONDUCTS ICF RESEARCH AT COLUMBIA

Dr. Rita Kukafka has provided a brief project overview and status, attached as "Kukafka ICF Grant Summary". Her research represents a step to evaluate the function of the ICF for capturing and encoding data from patient records. The project evaluates the MedLEE NLP system in parsing relevant concepts, and coding in the ICF classification. Project goals are to evaluate 1) the ICF classification's performance in coding concepts and, 2) the MedLEE NLP system in parsing relevant concepts, and 3) coding in the ICF classification. MedLEE, an extensible natural language and encoding system, has already been used to extract and structure information from several types of patient reports, including discharge summaries and radiology reports. It has allowed for the implementation of several automated clinical applications that depend on the availability of coded data. MedLEE's knowledge components consist of a lexicon database, grammar rules, a compositional mapping tool for multi-word phrases, and an encoding table to map clinical terms to controlled vocabularies. The system's processing components include a preprocessor, a parser, an encoder, an XML translator, and an error handler. The initial phase of the project involves determining ICF coding issues, determining a set of frequently occurring ICF codes, and collecting patient records for training the natural language system. The project began earlier this year and is funded at \$125,000 for each

of two years. Her additional contact information is as follows: Rita Kukafka, DrPH, MA, Mailman School of Public Health and Department of Biomedical Informatics, Columbia University, 722 W 168th Street 11th Floor, New York, NY 10032, 212 305-9193 [rik7001@dbmi.columbia.edu](mailto:rik7001@dbmi.columbia.edu).

#### 4. FOUR ICF PAPERS AT APHA SAN FRANCISCO

The American Public Health Association held its annual meeting in San Francisco in November 2003, and four ICF papers were presented: "Conceptualizing disability within curriculum content for public health and allied health professionals' academic preparation" by Jurkowski and Welch; "Documenting children and environments in early intervention: Contribution of the ICF" by Simeonsson, Scarborough, Hebbeler, Spiker, and Malik; "International classification of functioning, disability and health (ICF) and social work: A mechanism for sustaining social work leadership in disability public health" by Saleeby; and "Measures of quality of participation in life situations for people with mobility limitations" by Hollingsworth, Morgan, Cuthbert, and Gray. Abstracts and contact information for authors are in the attachment "ICF Sessions at APHA Annual Meeting".

#### 5. SOCIAL WORKERS TO HAVE ICF WORKSHOP IN MARCH

Patricia Welch Saleeby has been selected to present a workshop at the upcoming National Association of Social Workers - Missouri Chapter Biennial Legislative Summit. The title of the workshop is "The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) and Social Work: Policy, Research and Practice"; it will be held March 12, 2004 from 8:30am-10:00am.

#### 6. NEW DISABILITY JOURNAL WELCOMES ICF SUBMISSIONS

David Pfeiffer [pfeiffer@hawaii.edu](mailto:pfeiffer@hawaii.edu), former editor of Disability Studies Quarterly for the last eight years, announces the publication of a new journal, The Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal. In a recent communication with Paul Placek, David said that he would welcome ICF submissions, but that he may wish to do an associated commentary. The new journal will contain research articles, essays, and bibliographies relating to the culture of disability and people with disabilities. It will also publish forums on disability topics brought together by forum editors of international stature. Poetry, short stories, creative essays, photographs, and art work related to disability will also be published. The editors are David Pfeiffer and Robert Stodden. The associate editors are Steven Brown and Megan Conway. The Review will be published on the Web and will be produced in a print version. The first two issues will be freely available on the Web, but a subscription is necessary to obtain printed copies. The charter subscription price is \$50 US for individuals and \$100 US for libraries and institutions with a \$15 US fee for postage outside of the US and Canada because it will be sent via air mail in order for it to arrive within a reasonable time. Reduced subscription rates are available. The Journal is

open to all perspectives, approaches, views, and paradigms relevant to the study and experience of disability. For more information contact The Review of Disability Studies, Center on Disability Studies, The University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1776 University Ave UA 4-6, Honolulu, HI 96822, or via email at [rds@cds.hawaii.edu](mailto:rds@cds.hawaii.edu), or on the Web at [www.rds.hawaii.edu](http://www.rds.hawaii.edu) where you can download a form for a subscription and contributor guidelines. Send manuscripts for possible publication to [submissions\\_rds@cds.hawaii.edu](mailto:submissions_rds@cds.hawaii.edu).

#### 7. BRUSH - THREATS - CAULKINS PUBLICATION ON ICF

Travis Threats, PhD, just published "Influences on perceived function of a nursing home resident" (Jennifer Brush, Travis Threats, and Margaret Calkins) in *Journal of Communication Disorders*, 36 (2003), 379-393. The article describes a typical, yet fictionalized woman with Alzheimer's disease during her first week at a nursing home and how environmental factors influence her perceived competencies by the staff. It uses the ICF as the framework for assessment and resident centered interventions for this case study.

#### 8. ICF TALKS BY TRAVIS THREATS AT MEDICAL U. OF S.C. AND ASHA

"Disability as an international health issue: A World Health Organization perspective" was presented by Dr. Travis Threats on October 21st, 2003 at the Medical University of South Carolina. This talk was for both medical students and students in the therapies as part of a lecture series MUSC gives on international health issues. "Assessment and Intervention of Older Adults using the ICF" was a three hour short course given at American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) annual convention in Chicago on November 15th. "Participation- Based outcome evaluation in aphasia: Beginning with the end" was a one hour seminar given at the ASHA convention in Chicago on November 13, 2003.

#### 9. VA's JACOBSON ORGANIZED AMERICAN THERAPEUTIC RECREATION ASSOCIATION ICF TALKS

At the American Therapeutic Recreation Association's (ATRA) Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA last September, there were several sessions which highlighted the ICF. The keynote address featured Donald Lollar, Ed.D, who spoke to over 700 recreational therapists about their role with the ICF as well as with Healthy People 2010. David Howard, MSW, CTRS, in a session "Therapeutic Recreation Within Healthcare and Rehabilitation: Models for Practice & Research" discussed integrating the ICF model into recreational therapy frameworks of practice. At the ATRA Outcomes Institute, John Jacobson, M.S., CTRS, included a discussion of the concepts of ICF, implementation activities of the NACC regarding ICF, and the emerging role of the ICF in outcomes measurement. At these sessions, the NACC Clearinghouse tabletop exhibit was displayed and brochures were distributed. It was reported that these generated much interest among the participants and served as an excellent resource for the ICF presentations. For free brochures or the loaner table top exhibit, contact Paul Placek at [PJP2@CDC.GOV](mailto:PJP2@CDC.GOV) or

Linda Washington at [LRW1@CDC.Gov](mailto:LRW1@CDC.Gov) with your needs. For more information, contact John M. Jacobson, M.S., CTRS, Rehabilitation Planning Specialist, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office - Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Richmond, Virginia, (804) 675-5046 Phone (804) 675-5093 Fax [John.Jacobson@med.va.gov](mailto:John.Jacobson@med.va.gov)

## 10. PROCEDURAL MANUAL AND GUIDE FOR STANDARDIZED APPLICATION OF THE ICF CONSENSUS CONFERENCES

On October 6th and 7th, four professional consensus conferences were held concerning the Procedural Manual and Guide for the Standardized Application of the ICF: A Manual for Health Professionals. Four hour consensus conferences were held for speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and social workers as part of field trials of the prototype of the clinical manual for the ICF. On December 11, the American Psychological Association is hosting staff officials from the professional associations with whom they have been working on the Manual-- American Speech Language Hearing Association, American Occupational Therapy Association, National Association of Social Workers, and the American Physical Therapy Association. APA will provide ICF training and conduct a modified "consensus conference" with these association leaders to obtain their reactions about the usefulness of the ICF and the Manual to their professionals. For more information contact: Geoffrey M. Reed, Ph.D. [gmreed@apa.org](mailto:gmreed@apa.org), Assistant Executive Director for Professional Development Practice Directorate, American Psychological Association 750 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20002-4242, (202) 336-5968 Voice (202) 336-5797 Fax.

## 11. SPOTLIGHT ON GERRY E. HENDERSHOT

Known also as "Gerry H" (as opposed to Jerry Bickenbach, who was spotlighted earlier), Gerry Hendershot is an independent consultant on disability and health statistics. He also serves as Senior Research Advisor to the National Organization on Disability. His recent research projects have included: characteristics of disabled parents of adolescents, prevalence of assistive technology use in metropolitan areas, back-coding OASIS to the ICF, accessibility of overseas offices of the World Bank, accessibility of interview surveys to respondents with disabilities, and estimating the prevalence of MR/DD from the National Health Interview Survey. From 1992 to 2001, he was active in ICF testing and revision. Hendershot was on the staff of the National Health Interview Survey from 1985 through 2000, where he served as Chief of the Illness and Disability Statistics Branch, Chief of the Survey Planning and Development Branch, and Special Assistant for Data Analysis and Dissemination. From 1976 to 1985 he held positions with the National Survey of Family Growth and the Office of Population Affairs. Earlier in his career he was on the sociology faculties of Brown University, Vanderbilt University, the University of the Philippines, and the College of Wooster. Hendershot earned degrees in sociology (specializing in demography) from the University of Michigan (BA), and the University of Chicago (MA, PHD). He is the author of many statistical reports on disability and health. Among his recent publications are:

Seltser R, DiCowden M, Hendershot G. Terrorism and the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health: a speculative case study based on the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington; Disability and Rehabilitation. 2003 June; 25(11-12): 635-643.

Hendershot GE. Mobility limitations and complementary and alternative medicine: are people with disabilities more likely to pray? Am J Public Health. 2003 Jul; 93(7):1079-80.

For a complete list of his many publications, go to [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi) and enter "Hendershot G")

In collaboration with the National Organization on Disability's Religion and Disability Program, he is developing an interfaith model for exhibiting art by persons with disabilities in congregations. On a more personal note, Gerry and wife Doris have one daughter, Tabby. Since she married ten years ago, he was known to tell confidants "I really want to be a grandfather". He got his wish a little over a year ago with the arrival of Thomas Hendershot Foti. The photo shows Gerry at the first birthday party of Thomas Hendershot Foti. Gerry says, "For the information of the ICF public, Tom and I were reading the section on Activities and Participation, Chapter 1, 'Learning and applying knowledge.' We had just finished d145, 'Learning to write,' and Tom was eagerly turning the page so we could continue with d150, 'Learning to calculate.' His ICF Quotient is above normal for his age, but he still has difficulty distinguishing between Activity and Participation." Dr. Hendershot is at 4437 Wells Parkway, University Park MD 20782 [ghendershot@earthlink.net](mailto:ghendershot@earthlink.net) Tel/Fax: 301-927-1120.