Medical diagnosis

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:

Knowledgebase ID: 000398   Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: ACCNS   Admin status: DRAFT

Effective date: 01-JUL-00

Definition: Medical diagnosis/es of the person.

Context: The recording of Medical Diagnoses is important for clinical descriptions, health service monitoring, and epidemiological reasons.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Alphanumeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: ANN.NN

Minimum Size: 3

Maximum Size: 6

Data Domain: NOVAL   ICD-10-CM short list of codes in Appendix 1.

Guide For Use: UP TO THREE MEDICAL DIAGNOSES MAY BE NOMINATED, according to the following:

1 Principal reason for admission to care (one only)
2 & 3 Additional diagnoses relevant to the current episode (up to two)
9 Not applicable

Agencies which use the full ICD-9-CM taxonomy in their information systems may develop a mapping system to extract medical diagnosis information for the CNMDSA. The short list of codes could be used by clinical staff if desired, because the codes that are included in this will be consistent with the ICD-9-CM taxonomy.

The item excludes:
- Surgical procedures which are coded under N-6..

Verification Rules:To be collected at admission.

If no Medical diagnosis/es are relevant to the current episode, then ?not applicable? should be entered for all principal, second and third diagnoses. If there is no principal Medical diagnosis for the episode then ?not applicable? should be entered for principal and the relevant diagnosis entered under the second or third level.

The short list of codes developed for use with the CNMDSA is based on the most frequently occurring diagnoses in the CNMDSA data collection. The code list which appears in Appendix 1 includes a list of ICD-9-CM Medical diagnosis codes and an upgrade of the list to ICD-10-AM for future reference. Upgrading of the list to ICD-10-AM has been undertaken by the National Centre for Classification in Health.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: The Official NCC Australian Version of the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification. (2nd. Ed.), published by the National Centre for Classification in Health (1996) Sydney.

Source Organisation: Australian Council of Community Nursing Services Inc.

Comments: The original CNMDSA Version 1.0 item ?Medical diagnosis? has been split into two items ?Medical diagnosis? and ?Procedure? in order to separate surgical or diagnostic procedures and diagnoses related to medical diagnosis.

The complexity of the ICD-9-CM taxonomy, the characteristics of medical diagnoses and the reality that community nurses are not trained for this task and do not have the mandate or the time to undertake it, means that the coding of medical diagnosis to ICD-9-CM is problematic in many community nursing services. To assist services a short list of codes has been derived from the CNMDSA data collections and appears at Appendix 1. The list has been developed on the basis of the most frequently occurring diagnoses from those supplied during the CNMDSA data collections.

In 1998/1999 Australia will be introducing ICD-10-AM into the acute hospital sector and discussions have been held with the National Centre for Classification in Health to assist community

based services in maintaining a user-friendly short list of codes to facilitate use of ICD-10-AM in the community.

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NOTE:
In order for this to supersede 000398 version 1, it must incorporate the information of that DE, so it can be used in both contexts.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM   Physical wellbeing

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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