

NCIS Coding Tips

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NCIS Codeset Upgrade

At Last – It's happening.

The upgrade of the NCIS codesets has commenced implementation and the following is provided as advice to coders and users of the NCIS.

What Have We Done?

Many of the NCIS codesets are based on the International Classification of External Cause Injuries (ICECI). The current NCIS codeset utilises draft version 1.0, released in June 1999.

ICECI Version 1.2 is the current international standard and the upgrade was designed to allow the NCIS codesets to be upgraded from the draft to version 1.2 to ensure international compatibility.

The upgrade of the codesets will ensure that the NCIS data continues to be useful when compared with national and international data.

Which Codesets Have Been Upgraded?

Eleven of the NCIS core codesets have been updated:

- Case Type (Notification & Completion);
- Intent (Notification & Completion);
- Incident Activity Details;
- Location;
- Sports / Recreation;
- Mechanism of Injury;
- Object or Substance Producing Injury;
- Mode of Transport;
- Counterpart;
- Context; and
- User.

When Will This Occur?

Jurisdictions (ACT, NT, QLD, SA, TAS & WA) will have updated Local Case Management Systems installed in the week commencing Monday 23rd July and should be completed by the end of July.

The NCIS interface (affecting NSW and VIC) implementation will be completed by the end of August.

What Will Change?

As well as updating the codesets in the LCMS and NCIS data fields. The upgrade will include the mapping of all existing coding to the new codesets.

The completion of this mapping process may take several months as the NCIS team will need to analyse and map all "Other Specified" Free Text fields currently being used.

What Documentation Is Available?

The NCIS Data Dictionary and NCIS Coding Manual and User Guides have been updated to reflect the new codesets. Hardcopies of both these documents have been distributed to the jurisdictions.

Requests for additional copies of the documents should be directed to leanned@vifm.org

Both documents will also be loaded onto the NCIS Website at www.ncis.org.au

Additional documents are available to illustrate the amendments, additions and deletions made to each of the codesets. These documents are available on the NCIS website.



I know change is hard, but this is for the greater good - promise

Coder Training?

Representative coders from each jurisdiction (with the exception of Tasmania) attended a training session in Melbourne from Monday 23rd July – Wednesday 25th July.

Training of additional coders can be organised in-house by coders who attended the training session and the appropriate presentations and documentation will be made available for this.

Group coder training sessions within a jurisdiction, if necessary, will be considered. Please contact NCIS to discuss.

Feedback

Any feedback, queries or issues regarding the new NCIS interface can be directed to me via email on leanned@vifm.org or telephone on (03) 9684 4458.

Please note: I will be on leave from Friday 27th July until Wednesday 5th September 2007. I will return to my desk on Thursday 6th September.

If you have any queries while I am away please contact Jessica Pearse on 03 9684 4414 or jessicap@vifm.org

Thank You

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