WHO seeking input from health experts into ICD-11

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Public health experts who work with the diagnosis and treatment of patients will, for the first time, have an opportunity to contribute to the development of version 11 of the International Classification of Diseases, ICD-11 [1].

On 14 May 2012, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced the launch of a beta version of a wiki-type platform which allows for stakeholders comments to be added after they have been peer reviewed. Stakeholders interested in commenting can register to access and interact with the platform.

The ICD is a standard used for defining and reporting diseases and health conditions. It is published by the WHO and aims to ensure that members of the health community refer to diseases and health conditions in a consistent way. The ICD is used by epidemiologists to study patterns of disease and also by insurers, national and international health programme managers, specialists in data collection and others involved in the mapping of global health progress and the expenditure of health resources. The final ICD-11 is foreseen to be released in 2015.

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