

ICD-10 Nationally and Worldwide!

Developed by the World Health Organization, the International Classification of Diseases is the most widely used classification system in the world. The universally accepted codes are used to record symptoms and diagnoses, as well as treatment and medications prescribed. While the codes aid in identifying causes of death of individuals and are used to catalogue disease patterns and control, the use of the codes also helps track and handle international epidemics. Automated systems to decide various treatments can be developed based on use of ICD codes.

The transition to ICD-10 is part of the Meaningful Use (MU) initiative, which guides healthcare to modernization and aims to increase the exchange of information among healthcare professionals. One of the main goals is to improve the delivery of healthcare nationally.