

Morbidity coding in Australia

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Morbidity coding in Australia

- Performed in all hospitals and day surgery centres for inpatients only
- No outpatient and emergency department coding is performed routinely ... yet!
- All separations are coded using the full medical record as the source document for abstraction
- Coding is done using the ICD-10-AM (currently Fifth edition, Sixth to be implemented in July 2008)



Morbidity coding education in Australia

For new coders:

Face to face:

- HIM programs in four universities
- Short courses run by health departments

Distance education:

- Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA)
- Open Training and Education Network (OTEN)



Morbidity coding education in Australia

For existing coders and users of ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS in Australia and internationally:

NCCH offers:

- Update education for each ICD-10-AM/ACHI-ACS edition
- Annual coding workshops
- Biannual coding conference

For new ICD-10 users, NCCH offers short and customised coding courses face to face



HIMAA's role

HIMAA Education Services offers

- comprehensive medical terminology
- introductory, intermediate and advanced coding
- customised educational programs
- Clinical Coder Certification



Clinical Coder Certification (CCC)

- minimum of 4 year's clinical coding experience in a hospital environment with a varied, complex casemix
- **Part 1 - completion of six coding assignments - 60% of assessment**
(Note: successful completion of the Advanced coding course is equivalent to Part 1 of CCC)
- **Part 2 - two-hour examination paper consisting of handwritten medical records - 40% of assessment**
- **Pass mark for CCC is an aggregate of 80%. Must pass part 1 to be eligible for Part 2.**

