

Terms of Reference - WHO FIC Education and Implementation Committee

Purpose

Assist and advise WHO and the WHO-FIC Network in implementing the WHO Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC) and improving the level and quality of their use in Member States. Track implementation of the classifications and develop implementation, education, training and certification strategies for the WHO-FIC, identifying best training and implementation practices and providing a network for sharing expertise and experience on training and implementation. The first priority will be for the reference classifications.

Background

The Implementation Committee was established in 1999 with a Subgroup on Training and Credentialing. In 2003, the Subgroup became a separate Education Committee. The two committees were merged into the Education and Implementation Committee in 2010.

Functions

The primary functions of the Committee are to develop strategies for the implementation of the WHO-FIC with an integrated educational approach for the Reference Classifications. Other members of the Family of International Classifications, including new and emerging classifications, will be considered as resources permit. The components of this strategy include the following functions:

1. Facilitate an international assessment of WHO-FIC implementation.
2. Assess and support the educational needs of users and potential users of the classifications, including those who provide source information, apply codes, conduct research or use the resulting data.
2. Assist WHO in the development and application of implementation guidelines.
3. Provide WHO with guidance on user needs in terms of education tools and training materials.
4. Provide international support for countries, through the WHO and Regional Offices, on issues relating to implementation and best practices on the use of the WHO FIC.
5. Support WHO in obtaining high level support for the development and/or implementation of health information systems using WHO-FIC.
6. Collaborate with other WHO-FIC Network committees and reference groups to facilitate the joint use of WHO-FIC in health information systems.
7. Prepare strategic work plans for the Committee and annual reports to the Network on the activities of the Committee.