ICF Update

News from the World Confederation for Physical Therapy and its member organisations

Establishment of a Korean Physical Therapy Association ICF working group was one of the key outcomes of a workshop held in Daejeon, Korea in October 2009. A group of 30 physical therapists met for two days to explore the potential use of ICF to support physical therapy education, practice and research in Korea. Nenad Kostanjsek, Technical Officer for the ICF at the World Health Organization, set the scene with a presentation on the use of ICF in public health. WCPT professional policy consultant Catherine Sykes presented an introduction to the use of ICF in physical therapy and led a range of practical exercises and discussions ably assisted by Haejung Lee.

This workshop was one of the WCPT supported continuing professional development opportunities. For further information see www.wcpt.org/node/27531#wcpt

An ICF good news story

Mary Solomon, a member of the WCPT network for ICF, is coordinating a new Community Stroke Rehabilitation Team. The team has been challenged with the true meaning of inter-professional collaboration. The ICF comprehensive core set for stroke was used to help the team members identify who had the relevant expertise and when to call on another professional for assistance. The discussion was said to be ‘amazing’ especially with the recognition that many categories of the activities and participation component were shared, as well as there being different levels of involvement at stages of the care pathway – early set up by one profession for another profession to continue on. The exercise started the group thinking in a more collaborative way.

Special edition devoted to Participation

Special edition of the Human Rights and Health journal has been devoted to Participation. The articles can be accessed at the following website and include examples from many countries of the world. http://hhrjournal.org/index.php/hhr

News from the World Health Organization Network of Collaborating Centres for the Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC)

The Collaborating Centre in Germany is leading the work on the development of a web based interactive learning tool for ICF. The first module is nearing completion and is due to be field tested in the first quarter of 2010. If you have a cohort of students you would be prepared to test the tool with, or would like to test the content and the effectiveness of the web format as an individual testing please send an email to csykes@wcpt.org.
John Hough, from Centres for Disease Control, part of the North American Collaborating Centre has been nominated as the Coordinator of the ICF update process. The web based update platform is undergoing final testing and the Platform User Guide finalised. The process should be initiated early in 2010. Again volunteers to participate in the update process are sought.

Papers and posters from the WHO-FIC meeting are available at [www.who.int/classifications](http://www.who.int/classifications)

Posters which may be of interest to physical therapists include:

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A Flash Video presentation on ICF


Webinars on ICF

The North American Collaborating Center (NACC) of the World Health Organization Family of International Classifications will present its 3-part educational Web Seminar Series about the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) on three consecutive days 1-3 December 2009. For more information see the attached document or contact John Hough by e-Mail at jph7@cdc.gov or by phone at (301) 458-4437.
Announcing the 2009 NACC "ICF Web Seminar Series":
December 1, 2, and 3, 2009

The North American Collaborating Center (NACC) of the World Health Organization Family of International Classifications announces another presentation of its 3-part educational Web Seminar Series about the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF).

This popular 3-part series features 90-minute live Web Seminars about the ICF on three consecutive weekdays.

This Web Seminar Series emphasizes applying the ICF, and understanding the basics of ICF coding, with many coding examples.

There are no prerequisites. Persons with all levels of familiarity about the ICF are welcome.

There is no charge to participate, and there is no need to register.

Anyone in the U.S., Canada, or the Caribbean can participate, using our password-protected Internet websites shown below, and a conventional audio telephone conference calling set-up over our toll-free telephone line.

You can attend one, two, or all three of the Web Seminars. The downloadable Handouts will be available during and after each Seminar.

The format of the NACC ICF Web Seminar Series provides a lot of time for discussion. Bring all your questions about the ICF and ICF coding, whether they are simple or complicated.

The Web Seminars are conducted in English in real-time. Neither captioning nor sign language interpretation are available, however.

ICF Web Seminar Schedule

Part 1: "An Introduction to the ICF"
Tuesday, December 1, 2009
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
Part 2: "ICF Coding"
Wednesday, December 2, 2009
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Part 3: "Frequently Asked and Answered Questions About the ICF"
Thursday, December 3, 2009
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Test Your System Before the ICF Web Seminar Series

In order to make sure your computer system is compatible with the Web Seminar software, which is Microsoft Office Live Meeting 2007, before the Seminars,

Before the Seminars, test your system by clicking here or by clicking on this website and following the instructions:

http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=90703

You can perform this test at any time. If your screen shows a slide image with the text reading "You have successfully connected to Live Meeting," you are ready to participate on December 1, 2 and 3. Click "Meeting" and "Exit" to end this test and close the Live Meeting window.

If your screen does not indicate a successful connection, please follow the instructions below under the topic "For First-Time Users."

On the Web Seminar dates, upon entering the meeting website, each participant will be asked to provide his or her name and E-Mail address.

How to Participate in the ICF Web Seminar Series

The ICF Web Seminar Series utilizes the Microsoft Office Live Meeting software. This enables any participant in North America or the Caribbean to watch the speaker's PowerPoint slide images, and ask questions by typing messages on their own computer. You can also ask questions orally over the telephone. You can listen and orally contribute to the discussion about the slide images, in real-time, from your own
workstation. All you need is a telephone connection to the ICF Web Seminar Series audio conference call, and a working Internet connection.

ICF Web Seminar Series
Internet Log-on Websites, Dial-in Passcodes, and Meeting Information

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. EST
https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/cdc/join?id=GFS8JG&role=attend&pw=ICF
Toll-free telephone number: (866) 600-3750
Participant Passcode: 5217668 #
Participant Entry Code: ICF
Meeting ID: GFS8JG

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. EST
https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/cdc/join?id=SNDPP7&role=attend&pw=ICF
Toll-free telephone number: (866) 600-3750
Participant Passcode: 5217668 #
Participant Entry Code: ICF
Meeting ID: SNDPP7

Thursday, December 3, 2009 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. EST
https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/cdc/join?id=N6F3CT&role=attend&pw=ICF
Toll-free telephone number: (866) 600-3750
Participant Passcode: 5217668 #
Participant Entry Code: ICF
Meeting ID: N6F3CT

For First-Time Users:

To attend a Microsoft Live Meeting Net Conference, you will need to install a free Microsoft user Plug-In, unless you had already installed Microsoft Office Live Meeting from a previously-conducted Net Conference.

Plug-In:

A "Plug-In" is a small software patch that adds new functions to existing applications on your computer. This installation is quick and easy. The Plug-In is a free Microsoft product; it is trustworthy for downloading. Users who are unable or choose not to download the Plug-In can still
participate, using a "Web Console" interface which enables attendance, but which lacks full functionality. Try to install this Plug-In prior to the meeting.

If you are in a "locked-down" or networked PC environment with firewalls or other security protections, or need administrative rights to download any software, such as this Plug-In, please contact your local administrator to complete the downloading of this Plug-In in advance. This might be the case for many ICF Web Seminar Series participants whose computers are in government agencies or universities.

To install the Plug-In prior to the Net Conference:

   At the bottom of the page, click on "Accept Terms and Install Client."
2. On the "File Download – Security Warning" window, click on "Run" to download the Plug-In. The program file name is "LMSetup.exe".
3. Accept all default settings, and click "Finish."

What is the North American Collaborating Center (NACC)?

The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated the NACC as the consortium of agencies and individual researchers involved with maintaining, updating, and educating about the uses of the suite of WHO Classifications in North America, including the ICF. Another important WHO Classification is the International Classification of Diseases, the ICD. The agency participants in the NACC are Statistics Canada, the Canadian Institute for Health Information, and the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics.

For More Information

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