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Information Relevant to ICD-10 Diagnostic procedure codes implementation

An updated Master Industry Table (MIT) was published for implementation on 1 July 2014. This table contains all the ICD-10 codes to be used in South Africa. The changes to the MIT include new ICD-10 codes that have been added, old codes that are discontinued and a number of codes that are modified by changes in description, validity, etc. For the phase 4 implementation plan, age and gender indicators have been added to the MIT. These indicators will determine whether an ICD-10 code is clinically appropriate for use based on age and gender criteria.

Mediscor will therefore apply the following ICD-10 related rules (as set out in phase 3 and 4.1) to all submitted items:

- Validation of secondary ICD-10 codes.
- The mandatory use of External Cause Codes (V01 to Y98) in combination with injury and poisoning codes (S00 to T98).
- The validation of dagger and asterisk and sequelae codes.
- Age appropriateness
- Gender appropriateness of ICD-10 codes.

The relevant documents are available on the National Department of Health website: <http://www.health.gov.za/icddoc.php>

Refer to our **on-line responses** to apply the correct rules.

Please send any questions regarding this communiqué to updates@mediscor.co.za

Kind regards

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