

What is ICPC?

International Classification of Primary Care (ICPC) now in its second edition (ICPC-2) classifies patient data and clinical activity in the domains of General/ Family Practice and primary care, taking into account the frequency distribution of problems seen in these domains. It allows classification of the patient's reason for encounter (RFE), the problems/diagnosis managed, interventions, and the ordering of these data in an episode of care structure

It was developed by the Wonca International Classification Committee (WICC), and was first published in 1987 by Oxford University Press (OUP). A revision and inclusion of criteria and definitions was published in 1998. The second revision was accepted within the World Health Organization's Family of International Classifications.

ICPC-2 has a biaxial structure and consists of 17 chapters, each divided into seven components dealing with symptoms and complaints, diagnostic, screening and preventive procedures, medication, treatment and procedures, test results administrative.

ICPC-2 is available in electronic form and has been translated into many languages including Catalan, Chinese, Croatian, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian and Spanish

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