



# CLINICAL CODING

**ICD-10-AM** is the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification. It uses an alphanumeric coding scheme for diseases and external causes of injury.



## ACHI

The Australian Classification of Health Interventions or ACHI codes have seven digits. The first five digits are the MBS (Medical Benefits Schedule) item number where one exists. The two-digit extension represents specific interventions included in that item. The classification is structured by body system, site and intervention type. Interventions not currently listed in MBS have also been included (e.g. dental, allied health interventions, cosmetic surgery). ACHI consists of a tabular list of interventions and accompanying alphabetic index.

## ACS

The Australian Coding Standards have been developed with the objective of satisfying sound coding conventions for use with ICD-10-AM and ACHI. They apply to all public and private hospitals in Australia. The ongoing revision of the Australian Coding Standards ensures that they reflect changes in clinical practice,

- ICD Coding Introduction
- Basic Coding Guidelines & Structure
- Specialty Standards
- General Standards of Disease & Interventions

clinical classification amendments, Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (AR-DRG) grouper updates and various user requirements of inpatient data collections.

## AR-DRG

The Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Group (AR-DRG) Classification System is an Australian admitted patient classification system that can provide a basis for funding and policy development by offering a way to measure hospital performance.



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