Summary of Changes OPCS-4.6-OPCS-4.7

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Introduction

The OPCS-4 Classification of Interventions and Procedures (OPCS-4) is a statistical classification for clinical coding of hospital interventions and procedures undertaken by the National Health Service (NHS). It is an approved NHS Fundamental Information Standard. The classification is mandatory for use by healthcare providers to support various forms of data collections for operational and secondary uses. It is mandatory for Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Sets (CDS). The requirements for data sets and related definitions are specified in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/

The OPCS-4 classification is updated to accurately reflect current NHS clinical practice through the addition of new content as necessary. Key classification characteristics are retained to maintain consistency and comparability across OPCS-4 versions and statistical data.

Purpose

This document provides a DRAFT summary of the core changes made to the codes and descriptions contained in the Tabular List Four Character Subcategories in OPCS-4.6 to produce OPCS-4.7.

The final summary of changes document is scheduled for release on 7th November 2013. Please refer http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/data/clinicalcoding/new for further details.

Audience

This document is aimed at clinical coding professionals, NHS healthcare providers and NHS suppliers that build /update software to support NHS business functions and interoperability.

Retirement of codes / change in description

System and software suppliers are asked to note the changes, including retirements of codes listed below. These have been removed from the Metadata file so that they are not perpetuated in OPCS-4.7 implementations. The OPCS-4.7 Table of Coding Equivalences provides guidance on mapping the new codes to the retired codes.

Feticide

The National Classifications Help Desk received a number of requests for a new OPCS-4 code to capture non-selective feticide. These were put forward for the revision to OPCS-4.6 as the current codes at R03 only classify selective destruction of fetus.

Consequently, the following changes have been implemented:

- Existing category R03 and all associated sub-categories have been retired,
- New category at R06 with associated sub-categories have been created

The retired category will be represented as follows in the OPCS-4.7 Tabular: Volume I and the Codes and Titles file:

R03 Category retired – refer to introduction
Procedures for congenital disorders of sex development

The University College London Hospital (UCLH), a specialist centre for the treatment of Disorders of Sex Development (DSD), requested new OPCS-4 codes to capture surgical treatment of DSD.

The requirement to create a new category for operations for sex development highlighted that **Excision of ovotestis** is classified incorrectly to category **X15 Operations for sexual transformation**.

Consequently the following changes have been made:

- Existing subcategory code **X15.3** and description has been retired
- New category at **X16** with associated sub-categories has been created

The retired subcategory code and description will be represented as follows in the OPCS-4.7 Tabular Volume 1 and Codes and Titles:

**X15.3** Code retired – refer to introduction

Hypertension drugs

The Department of Health Payment by Results team requested the removal of the term ‘primary’ from the subcategory descriptors at **X82.1- X82.4**. The use of the term ‘primary’ limits the use of these codes to classify only primary pulmonary hypertension drugs. As the drugs can be used for the treatment of other subtypes of pulmonary hypertension, the term ‘primary’ has been deleted from subcategory descriptors at **X82.1, X82.2, X82.3** and **X82.4** and changes made as follows:

- **X82.1** Pulmonary arterial hypertension drugs Band 1
- **X82.2** Pulmonary arterial hypertension drugs Band 2
- **X82.3** Pulmonary arterial hypertension drugs Band 3
- **X82.4** Pulmonary arterial hypertension drugs Band 4

Core changes to OPCS-4.6

This DRAFT summary list does **not** reflect changes made to the Introduction, Tabular List of Three Character Categories, includes, excludes, code ranges and notes at chapter or individual code level, High Cost Drugs, Chemotherapy Regimens or Alphabetical Index.

It is therefore **unsafe to use this information to assign codes or to annotate existing OPCS-4.6 books, as it does not reflect all changes made to produce OPCS-4.7**.

Changes are identified as follows:

- New code(s) and description are underlined
- Codes and words in OPCS-4.6 that have been deleted are shown by a strike through
- Words in OPCS-4.7 that have been added are shown by an underline.

Note: Chapter headings only indicate the chapters have not changed.
Chapter A - NERVOUS SYSTEM

A02.7 Excision of transcranial dermoid cyst
A06 Other excision of lesion of tissue of brain
A06.1 Excision of basal encephalocele
A06.2 Excision of occipital encephalocele
A06.3 Excision of syncipital encephalocele
A06.4 Repair of post-traumatic meningoencephalocele
A06.8 Other specified
A06.9 Unspecified

Chapter B - ENDOCRINE SYSTEM AND BREAST

Chapter C - EYE

C17.2 Recession of upper eyelid HFQ
C17.3 Recession of lower eyelid HFQ
C23 Operations on eyelid
C23.1 Insertion of weight into upper eyelid
C23.2 Renewal of weight into upper eyelid
C23.3 Removal of weight from upper eyelid
C23.8 Other specified
C23.9 Unspecified

Chapter D - EAR

Chapter E - RESPIRATORY TRACT

E13.7 Neurectomy of vidian nerve NEC
E15.4 Excision of lesion of sphenoid sinus
E16.2 Drainage of frontal sinus NEC
E24.3 Endoscopic operations on pharyngeal pouch
E64 Therapeutic endoscopic operations on nasal cavity
E64.1 Endoscopic extirpation of lesion of nasal cavity
E64.8 Other specified
E64.9 Unspecified
E65  Diagnostic endoscopic examination of nasal cavity
E65.1 Diagnostic endoscopic examination of nasal cavity and biopsy of lesion of nasal cavity
E65.8 Other specified
E65.9 Unspecified

Chapter F - MOUTH

F36.6 Excision of lesion of tonsil

Chapter G - UPPER DIGESTIVE TRACT

G26  Transplantation of stomach
G26.1 Allotransplantation of stomach
G26.8 Other specified transplantation of stomach
G26.9 Unspecified transplantation of stomach
G75.6 Resiting of ileostomy

Chapter H - LOWER DIGESTIVE TRACT

H06.5 Extended right hemicolectomy and end to side anastomosis
H07.5 Right hemicolectomy and end to side anastomosis
H08.6 Transverse colectomy and end to side anastomosis
H09.6 Left hemicolectomy and end to side anastomosis
H10.6 Sigmoid colectomy and end to side anastomosis
H11.6 Colectomy and end to side anastomosis NEC
H32  Exteriorisation of colon
H32.1 Resiting of colostomy
H32.8 Other specified
H32.9 Unspecified
H41.5 Peranal resection of rectum using staples
Chapter J - OTHER ABDOMINAL ORGANS - PRINCIPALLY DIGESTIVE

Chapter K - HEART

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K72 Other cardioverter defibrillator
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K72.2 Resiting of lead of subcutaneous cardioverter defibrillator
K72.3 Renewal of subcutaneous cardioverter defibrillator
K72.4 Removal of subcutaneous cardioverter defibrillator
K72.8 Other specified
K72.9 Unspecified

Chapter L - ARTERIES AND VEINS

L43.6 Percutaneous transluminal radiofrequency denervation of renal artery
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Chapter M - URINARY

M02.7 Excision of transplanted kidney NEC
M48.2 Urodynamic studies using suprapubic tube
M54.3 Removal of artificial urinary sphincter from outlet of female bladder
M60.3 Removal of artificial urinary sphincter from outlet of male bladder

Chapter N - MALE GENITAL ORGANS

N05.3 Bilateral inguinal orchidectomy
N06.6 Inguinal orchidectomy NEC
N22.5 Resection of ejaculatory duct
Chapter P - LOWER FEMALE GENITAL TRACT

P07.2 Deinfibulation of vulva

Chapter Q - UPPER FEMALE GENITAL TRACT

Q13 Introduction of gamete gametes into uterine cavity
Q13.8 Other specified
Q13.9 Unspecified
Q21 Other introduction of gamete gametes into uterine cavity
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Chapter R - FEMALE GENITAL TRACT ASSOCIATED WITH PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND PUERPERIUM

R03 Selective-destruction of fetus Category retired - refer to introduction
R06 Destruction of fetus
R06.1 Selective feticide
R06.2 Feticide NEC
R06.8 Other specified
R06.9 Unspecified
R27.2 Deinfibulation of vulva to facilitate delivery

Chapter S - SKIN

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S59.2 Leech therapy of skin NEC
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S62.7 Insertion of diagnostic device into subcutaneous tissue
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Chapter T - SOFT TISSUE

T12.5 Attention to tube drain into pleural cavity
T61 Other operations on ganglion
T61.1 Aspiration of ganglion
T61.2 Biopsy of ganglion
T61.3 Injection of ganglion
T61.8 Other specified
T61.9 Unspecified

Chapter U - DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING, TESTING AND REHABILITATION

Chapter V - BONES AND JOINTS OF SKULL AND SPINE

V01.6 Strip craniectomy
V01.7 Strip craniectomy with remodelling of cranial bones HFQ
V02 Other plastic repair of cranium
V02.1 Posterior calvarial release
V02.2 Remodelling of calvarium HFQ
V02.3 Reconstruction of cranium NEC
V02.8 Other specified
V02.9 Unspecified
V03.7 Decompressive craniectomy
V10.6 Osteotomy of bones of face and translocation of orbit
V10.7 Subcranial U-osteotomy of bones of face and translocation of orbit
V12  Operations on bones of skull
V12.1  Advancement and remodelling of cranium and orbits HFQ
V12.2  Advancement and remodelling of cranium and facial bones HFQ
V12.3  Transcranial repair of craniofacial cleft and reconstruction of cranial and facial bones HFQ
V12.4  Subcranial repair of craniofacial cleft and reconstruction of cranial and facial bones HFQ
V12.5  Reconstruction of skull NEC
V12.8  Other specified
V12.9  Unspecified

V13.4  Bipartition of facial bones and maxilla

V18  Distraction osteogenesis of bones of skull
V18.1  Application of external distractor to skull
V18.2  Insertion of internal distractor into skull
V18.3  Attention to external distractor of skull
V18.4  Attention to internal distractor of skull
V18.5  Removal of external distractor from skull
V18.6  Removal of internal distractor from skull
V18.8  Other specified
V18.9  Unspecified

Chapter W - OTHER BONES AND JOINTS

W24.6  Closed reduction of fracture of bone and fixation using nail or screw

O32  Total prosthetic replacement of ankle joint
O32.1  Primary total prosthetic replacement of ankle joint NEC
O32.2  Conversion to total prosthetic replacement of ankle joint NEC
O32.3  Revision of total prosthetic replacement of ankle joint NEC
O32.4  Attention to total prosthetic replacement of ankle joint NEC
O32.5  Revision of one component of total prosthetic replacement of ankle joint NEC
O32.8  Other specified
O32.9  Unspecified
O32.0  Conversion from total prosthetic replacement of ankle joint NEC
Chapter X - MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS

X15.3 Excision of ovotestis- Code retired - refer to introduction
X16 Operations for disorders of sex development
X16.1 Excision of Mullerian duct remnant
X16.2 Excision of lesion of Mullerian duct remnant
X16.3 Excision of gonad from abdomen
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X16.8 Other specified
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X74.1 Cancer hormonal treatment drugs Band 1
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