ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Thirteenth Edition

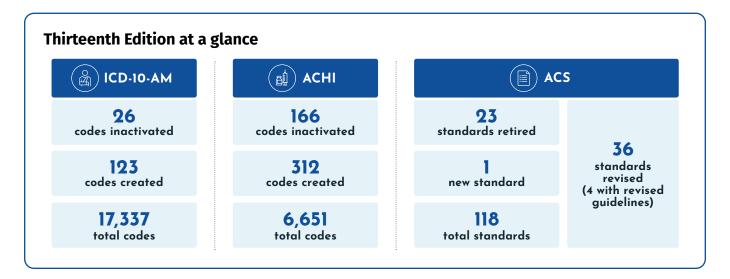


Classifications for the healthcare sector provide a nationally consistent and clinically meaningful framework for describing patients, their treatments and the resources used across the Australian healthcare system. This contributes to improved outcomes for patients and consumers.

The Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) is responsible for developing classifications including:

- International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM)
- · Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI)
- · Australian Coding Standards (ACS).

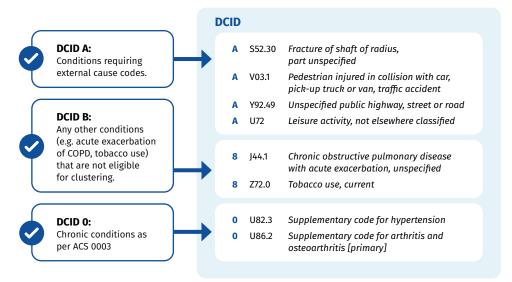
ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Thirteenth Edition was implemented on 1 July 2025. This fact sheet outlines the key information and major changes to the classification system.



Cluster coding

- A method of linking related ICD-10-AM codes using a diagnosis cluster identifier (DCID) allocated to each ICD-10-AM code in an episode of care.
- Increases the understanding of activity data and improves its utility for end users.

To learn more about cluster coding, visit the IHACPA website.



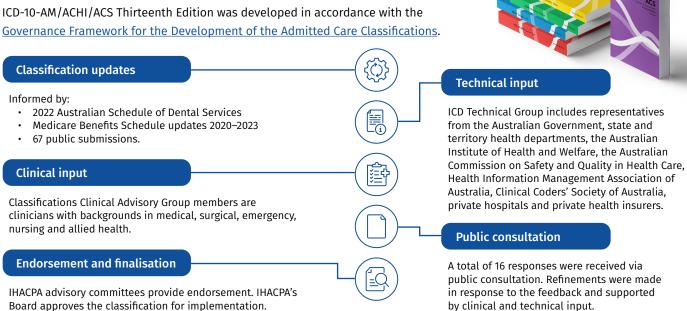
To learn more about the changes for ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Thirteenth Edition, visit <a href="https://linear.nih.gov/linear.nih.go

Standardisation of ACS

The ACS content has been standardised with a revised format to support accessibility, flexibility, readability and consistency.

Cross references	Alert users to related information in another ACS.
Subheadings	Identify distinct subtopics.
Description(s)	Explain a topic or subtopic in more detail.
Directive(s)	Present the main classification points or action statements included in every ACS.
Note(s)	Provide additional information to support understanding.
Exception(s)	Specify 'do not' statements directly related to a <i>Directive</i> .
Examples	Demonstrate how a <i>Directive</i> (s) is applied, with a <i>Rationale</i> explaining the assigned codes.

Development of Thirteenth Edition



Available classification products

The following products and resources are available for ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Thirteenth Edition. Further details on these can be found on the webpage.

Product	Description
Reference to Changes and Summary of Updates	PDF files that list the specific changes to the classification and summary of updates.
Thirteenth Edition education (IHACPA Learn)	Online interactive modules that outline the major changes for Thirteenth Edition.
Chronicle	PDF files that list and describe the changes to codes and standards across the editions of ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS.
Other electronic downloads	Includes ICD-10 and ICD-10-AM Mapping Tables, Unacceptable principal diagnosis codes and MBS to ACHI Mapping Table.
Hardcopy books	Printed versions of the classification volumes including the Alphabetic Indices and Tabular Lists for ICD-10-AM and ACHI, and the ACS.
Electronic Code Lists (ECLs)	Electronic files containing codes, descriptions and attributes used in the development of software.
Mapping Tables	Electronic files that demonstrate the relationship between the codes in 2 concurrent editions of ICD-10-AM/ACHI.
Terminology table	A list of terms or expressions that infer relationships between conditions and interventions, to assist clinical coders when the classification does not provide a causative link.

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