

ICF Core Sets International Multicentric Validation Study

Training Steps and Instructions

STEP 1: Watch Training Video

The training video informs you about the basics of the WHO's ICF and the development process of ICF Core Sets for 12 chronic conditions. The training video also includes information on the ICF Core Sets International Multicentric Validation Study and shows you a case example for training the data collection within the study.

STEP 2: Read the Case Description of Mrs. Baker

When you've watched the training video you got a first impression about Mrs. Baker's problems. Please read in addition the written case description with the interview and the clinical findings as these contain more precise information.

STEP 3: Read the Coding Rules for the ICF Core Sets International Multicentric Validation Study

For the use within the ICF Core Sets International Multicentric Validation Study specific coding rules have been developed to facilitate the application of the ICF's qualifier scale to rate the severity of patient's problems in functioning. Please make yourself familiar with these specific coding rules.

STEP 4: Fill in the Rheumatoid Arthritis Case Record Form for Health Professionals (RA-CRF-HP)

A most important part of the Case Record Forms for any of the 12 chronic health conditions is the respective ICF Core Set composed of different numbers of ICF categories. Please fill in the Case Record Form and for each category of the ICF Core Set for Rheumatoid Arthritis please document your rating of the severity of impairments, difficulties, and the barriers or facilitators. Here are some additional hints for the rating of this case example:

For this case example about Mrs. Baker, please use the qualifier 8 "not specified" when there is no information about difficulties in a given area of functioning, even though in everyday clinical practice one often assumes that there is not a problem, when information in a given area is not available.

The definitions of the ICF categories contain valuable additional information providing a more precise view on which difficulties can be included in a given category. Please read the definitions, before selecting a qualifier. Also, in the beginning, it can be useful to take a look at the complete ICF classification and see the inclusions/ exclusions and which subcategories are contained in a broader (lower level) category.

Please find the ICF at <http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/index.html>.

STEP 5: Compare your Case Record Form with the proposed solution

The training materials contain a Case Record Form filled in with a proposed solution for the case example of Mrs. Baker. Please compare your solution with this proposal.

STEP 6: See the Case Description including ICF Categories

Please check also the provided case description, which includes along the interview and the clinical findings the respective ICF categories that can be used to describe Mrs. Baker's problems in functioning and relevant factors of her environment.