

2. Newsletter

ICF Core Sets

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Dear partners and friends of the ICF Core Set project,

With great pleasure we inform you that the implementation and testing study of the ICF Core Sets has awakened great interest and there are already 62 Study Centers representing 29 countries and 28 Study Centers in Germany in process of signing the Cooperation Agreement with the ICF Research Branch of the Munich University. Find a list of the participating study centers with the corresponding responsible persons on page 4 of this newsletter.

In this issue we would like to provide you with the protocol of the ICF Core Sets multicenter validation study, in case you haven't received it yet, as well as the approval of the above mentioned study from the Ethic Committee of the Ludwig Maximilians University in pdf format. We would like as well to inform you on the actual status of the project.

Taking advantage of the occasion, we would also like to send you warm greetings for the season and wish you all a happy and successful 2004.

Your ICF Core Set Development Team

1. Project Status.

1.1 Training of Health Professionals

As you can see on point 6.1.2. of the study protocol, *Training of international study centers*, a video with the exact instructions and case examples on how to collect the data will be forehanded, and we are at the moment in process of shooting this training video. Once finished, the training video will be converted in dvd format and this will facilitate it's handling.

We estimate to have it ready in January 2004, and at this point we will be able to send you all documents requiered for the validation study. We are convinced that the training video is an important and essencial tool for the health professionals in charge of the data collection and therefore, we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

The training of the german study centers have already begun. On October 7th, 2003 the first training workshop on muskuloeskeletal conditions took place at the LMU facilities in Munich. 12 representants of the study centers attended the workshop and 10 of them have started already with the ICF Core Set testing on the muskuloskeletal conditions.

The next two training workshops in Munich will take place on February 27th, and on March 19th 2004 from 10:00 to 16:30 hours. and will cover all 12 conditions. The workshops are in german language and herewith we would like to invite all interested to attend. For further information about the training workshops, please don't hesitate to contact us.

1.2 Case Report Forms (CRF'S)

As informed in our last issue, the case record forms for the data collection for the musculoskeletal conditions (low back pain, chronic widespread pain, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis and rheumatoid arthritis) are already finished and we are preparing the CRF's for the cardiovascular and general internal condicions (chronic ischaemic heart disease, obstructive pulmonary diseases, diabetes mellitus and obesity), for the

physical and neurological conditions (depression and stroke) and for the oncological conditions (breast cancer).

All case record forms are in english and german languages available. If you have any preferences, please let us know, otherwise, all documents will be sent in english as standard procedure to the non german speaking study centers.

2. Publications

All relevant information regarding the ICF Core Set development will be published in a supplement of the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine by the middle of 2004.

The supplement will contain a total of 20 papers.

The results of the ICF Core Set Consensus Conferences, i.e. the ICF Core Sets, will be presented in thirteen different papers. The ICF Core Sets for each of the twelve health conditions will be presented in one paper each. An introduction paper summarizing the methods followed during the consensus conferences that are common to all health conditions has additionally been written.

The results of the preliminary studies encompassing the **Delphi exercises**, the **systematic reviews** and the **empiric data collection** using the ICF checklist will be presented in seven different papers. Based on these preliminary studies, the decision and consensus process during the consensus conferences was initiated. Five papers will contain the results of the literature reviews for the musculoskeletal conditions, for the internal conditions, for breast cancer, for depression and for stroke, respectively.

The results of the 12 delphi exercises are summarized in one publication. Finally, the results of the empiric data collection using the ICF checklist are also summarized in one publication.

We will inform you as soon as the supplement has been released.

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4. Attachments

Studyprotocol of the ICF Core Sets multicenter validation study

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