

Terminology and Classifications Delivery Service

NHS Digital Information Standards Helpdesk Ref: 431209

Summary Key Term: Myalgic Encephalomyelitis

Question (and/or attach any documentation):

Dear Data Co-ordination Board,

I would like to know if your organisation is continuing to implement the World Health Organisation's listing of M.E. Myalgic Encephalomyelitis) as a neurological disease (ICD-10 G93.3). The Standardisation Committee for Care Information, SCCI, confirmed that the authorisation of ICD 10 in the NHS still stood when they took over from the Information Standards Board.

Yours Sincerely,
Catherine Ashenfelter, Mrs.

Written Answer (Attach documentation if necessary):

Dear Catherine

Thank you for your query.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) ICD-10 5th Edition classification is the current NHS standard [mandated for diagnostics statistical data collection](#) for the NHS Admitted Patient Care Data Set, and remains so until further notice. (The [Admitted Patient Care Data Set](#) contains classification statistical data returns for all NHS admitted patient activity, including Acute and Mental Health NHS Trusts).

Therefore, to comply with this NHS standard, a diagnosis of 'myalgic encephalomyelitis' (ME) continues to be classified to ICD-10 code **G93.3 Postviral fatigue syndrome**. Within the structure of ICD-10, the code **G93.3** is indeed located in Chapter VI Diseases of the nervous system.

If you have any further queries about the classification codes (ICD-10, ICD-11 or OPCS-4) and their collection, please contact our Clinical Classifications Support Helpdesk via information.standards@nhs.net.

Kind regards

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