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| **Standard** | **Clinical Coding, Classifications and Terminologies** |
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| **What is the purpose of this standard?** |
| This standard provides support and guidance in the use of clinical classifications, coding and terminology to NHS Scotland.  Clinical and health related data are collected on various national patient based datasets by NSS to support a variety of purposes including epidemiology, service planning and performance management. The information is also used to support policy making decisions aimed at improving the health and healthcare of the people of Scotland. To ensure that data is recorded consistently and accurately, to facilitate analyses and to provide meaningful comparisons, nationally agreed clinical coding systems are used. |

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| **Who is this standard aimed at?** |
| This standard is aimed at all staff who are involved in the development of new data sets/collections, and at staff involved in the analysis of data which have been clinically coded. |

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| **How do I access this standard?** |
| An introduction to terminology services is available on the ISD website at:  <http://www.isdscotland.org/Products-and-Services/Terminology-Services/>  Sub-pages include specific guidance on:   * Coding & Terminology Systems (including ICD10, OPCS4, Read, SNOMED): * Classification and Terminology Tools (including coding manuals); * Scottish Coding Standards: * Coding information for analysts * Information on standards and coding for clinicians.   NSS operates a dedicated expertly manned helpdesk to answer queries and offer advice on ICD-10, OPCS-4, Read, national codes for the representation of clinical imaging procedures and SNOMED-CT.  You can also book courses or obtain general advice on Terminology through this service.  Helpdesk phone (Tues - Thurs 9-5pm): 0131 275 7283  Helpdesk e-mail (Tues - Thurs 9-5pm): [NSS.terminologyhelp@nhs.net](mailto:NSS.terminologyhelp@nhs.net) |