

A Conversion Code from the RCGP to the ICHPPC Classification System

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Faculty members from four family medicine training programs participated in the production of a definitive conversion of the Royal College of General Practitioners Classification of Diseases as modified for use with problem-oriented medical records (RCGP) to the International Classification of Health Problems for Primary Care (ICHPPC). The method used to produce the conversion and the several problems encountered are described. A detailed translation with the appropriate ICHPPC equivalent for each RCGP diagnostic title and code number is provided.

The Royal College of General Practitioners Classification of Diseases was first established in the 1950s and its modification for use with problem-oriented medical records (RCGP) was introduced into the United States in 1970 (RCGP-US). Since then it has been used to classify morbidity in numerous ambulatory care settings including practices associated with family medicine training programs. The most extensive report using morbidity data generated by the RCGP classification was that emanating from the Medical College of Virginia.¹ Although there was no frank discontent with the

RCGP-US classification at that time, there was a growing feeling that a simpler, international classification specifically designed for use within the primary care setting would be desirable. Thus, the International Classification of Health Problems in Primary Care (ICHPPC) was developed by the World Organization of National Colleges and Academies of General Practice/Family Medicine (WONCA).^{*} Its historical background and the description of its field trials have been reported elsewhere.^{2,3} Several primary care centers have adopted ICHPPC as their initial classification system, and others, who had previously used the RCGP classification have found it beneficial to convert to ICHPPC. This communication details the advantages as well as some of the problems involved in such a conversion.

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Procedure

Faculty members of four family medicine training programs were chosen to independently produce a diagnostic title conversion from the RCGP to the ICHPPC. When the four preliminary translations were considered together there was concern over the subtleties of conversion of several diagnostic titles. By discussion and reference to the International Classification of Diseases-Eighth Revision (ICD-8 and ICDA-8) mutually agreeable titles were established. Although the RCGP classification contains more diagnostic titles than does the ICHPPC, the faculty committee attempted to maintain specificity whenever possible. Precise translation of one diagnostic classification into another is impossible. The conversion of existing morbidity data files or the comparison of data collected using the RCGP with morbidity data from ICHPPC-generated studies must therefore proceed with caution and with a full understanding of the construction of each classification.

Specific Modification Items

RCGP contains 22 categories with 628 diagnostic titles compared with the ICHPPC's 18 categories and 371 diagnostic titles (Table 1). RCGP Category 18, "Prophylactic Procedures," Category 20, "Psychosocial and Family Problems," and Category 22, "Selected Drug Index" have been condensed into ICHPPC "Supplementary Classification," which is Category 18. Each RCGP category except Category 22, "Selected Drug Index," contains the residual title, "Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis." Most of these rubrics have been transferred to the single ICHPPC Category 16, "Physical Signs, Symptoms, and Ill-Defined Conditions Not Otherwise Specified or Not Yet Diagnosed." This means that comparison of aggregate category data, although infrequently used, is less easily accomplished than comparison of specific problem items.

RCGP Category 21, "Family History of Selected Diseases," has been deleted in conversion; however, family history information is maintained by a

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Table 1. Comparison of Total Categories and Diagnostic Titles RCGP and ICHPPC

RCGP Category	Diagnostic Titles	ICHPPC Category	Diagnostic Titles
I. Communicable Diseases	40	I. Infective and Parasitic Diseases	31
II. Neoplasms, including Reticuloses	27	II. Neoplasms	15
III. Allergic, Endocrine, Metabolic, and Nutritional Problems	27	III. Endocrine, Nutritional, and Metabolic Diseases	11
IV. Diseases of Blood and Blood Forming Organs	7	IV. Diseases of Blood and Blood-Forming Organs	8
V. Mental, Personality, and Psychoneurotic Disorders	48	V. Mental Disorders	21
VI. Diseases of Nervous System and Sense Organs	49	VI. Diseases of Nervous System and Sense Organs	21
VII. Diseases of Circulatory System	29	VII. Diseases of Circulatory System	25
VIII. Diseases of Respiratory System	35	VIII. Diseases of Respiratory System	15
IX. Diseases of Digestive System	45	IX. Diseases of Digestive System	20
X. Diseases of Genitourinary System	35	X. Diseases of Genitourinary System	28
XI. Pregnancy, Parturition, and Puerperium	25	XI. Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Puerperium	11
XII. Diseases of Skin and Cellular Tissue	28	XII. Diseases of Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue	21
XIII. Diseases of Bone and Organs of Movement	30	XIII. Diseases of Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue	19
XIV. Congenital Malformations	14	XIV. Congenital Anomalies	6
XV. Certain Diseases of Early Infancy	13	XV. Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality Conditions	1
XVI. Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions	14	XVI. Physical Signs, Symptoms, and Ill-Defined Conditions	47
XVII. Accidents, Poisoning, and Violence	33	XVII. Accidents, Poisoning, and Violence	37
XVIII. Prophylactic Procedures	26	Part of Supplementary Classification	
XIX. Abnormal Findings in Investigational Procedures	24	Part of III, IV, VII, and XVI	
XX. Psychosocial and Family Problems	36	Part of Supplementary Classification	
XXI. Family History of Selected Diseases	26		
XXII. Selected Drug Index	17	XVIII. Supplementary Classification	34
Total 22 categories	628 titles	18 categories	371 titles

parallel classification with a modifying letter as below:

ICHPPC

315 – Mental retardation

F315 – Family history of mental retardation

The entire RCGP Category 22, “Selected Drug Index,” is translated to the ICHPPC diagnostic title, Y16 – “Observation and Care of Patients on High Risk Medication,” with the exception of RCGP number 585, “Birth Control Pills,” which converts to ICHPPC Y41-.

At the level of specific diagnostic titles there are additional differences which warrant description. As shown in Table 2, several diagnostic titles from RCGP are combined into a single

title in ICHPPC. Conversely, in other instances (see Table 3), a single rubric from RCGP has been expanded to several rubrics in ICHPPC. In most of the latter instances we preferred the “Other Diseases” rubric.

The importance of ICHPPC as a new international classification for primary care physicians cannot be underestimated. It has been produced under the auspices of the World Organization of National Colleges and Academies of General Practice/Family Medicine (WONCA) and is endorsed by the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) and by the Central Office of the International Classification of Diseases-Adapted (ICDA). The classification will receive

widespread use in numerous and diverse ambulatory care settings. Although problems are inevitable with conversion from one classification to another, the authors strongly recommend this change and are, therefore, presenting this detailed rubric-by-rubric conversion table to facilitate the change from RCGP to ICHPPC.

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Table 2. Examples of Several RCGP Titles Converted to One ICHPPC Title

RCGP		ICHPPC	
Code	Title	Code	Title
240	Coryza (common cold)	460	Upper respiratory tract infection, acute
241	Pyrexial cold		
242	Acute pharyngitis		

Table 3. Examples of One RCGP Title Expanded to Several ICHPPC Titles*

RCGP		ICHPPC	
Code	Title	Code	Title
112	Other specific anemias	281	Macrocytic anemias
		282	Sickle cell anemia, sickle cell trait, thalassemia, other hereditary hemolytic anemias
		*285	Other anemias
335	Vulvitis, vaginitis, non-venereal with or without discharge	1121	Urogenital moniliasis, proven
		131	Urogenital trichomoniasis, proven
		*6221	Vaginitis NOS

*The "other diseases" title was preferred in the conversion. A detailed listing of these titles is available from Winston Stuart, MS, Department of Family Practice, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA 23298.

RCGP Category 1 – Communicable Diseases

RCGP Category 1 – Continued

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)	RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
1	Tuberculosis (Respiratory System, Including Late Effects)	011-	17	Infectious Mononucleosis	075-
2	Tuberculosis (Other Forms)	011-	19	Bornholm Disease	136-
3	Syphilis (Infectious and Sequelae)	090-	20	Oxyuriasis	127-
4	Gonorrhoea	098-	21	Dermatophytosis	110-
5	Intestinal Infectious Disease	009-	22	Scabies	133-
6	Scarlet Fever	034-	23	Epidemic Winter Vomiting (Viral, Acute, or Gastroenteric)	136-
7	Erysipelas	034-	25	Viral Warts	0791
8	Whooping Cough	033-	26	Other Helminth Infection	127-
9	Meningococcal Infections	136-	28	Other Recognized Disease not Included here (Category 01)	136-
10	Poliomyelitis (Acute and Sequelae)	040-	29	Aseptic Meningitis due to Enterovirus	040-
11	Measles	055-	30	Pyrexia with Rash (any site)	057-
12	Rubella	056-	31	Pyrexia without Rash	7888
13	Chicken Pox	052-	32	Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 01)	7889
14	Herpes Zoster	053-	35	Amoebiasis	008-
15	Mumps	072-			
16	Infective Hepatitis	070-			

RCGP Category 1 – Continued

RCGP Category 3 – Continued

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)	RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
36	–Yaws	136-	86	–Asthma	493-
38	–Leishmaniasis	136-	87	–Allergic Dermatoses and Urticaria	708-
39	–Trypanosomiasis	136-	88	–Hyperthyroidism	242-
40	–Schistosomiasis	136-	89	–Hypothyroidism Including Myxedema and Cretinism	244-
41	–Hydatidosis	127-	90	–Other Thyroid Disease	240-
42	–Filarial Infection	136-	91	–Diabetes Mellitus	250-
43	–Ancylostomiasis	127-	92	–Hypovitaminosis	260-
44	–Pediculosis	132-	93	–Gout	274-
27	–Other Virus Infection	0799	94	–Other Recognized Disease Not Included Here (Category 03)	279-
37	–Malaria	084-	95	–Specific Allergies	691-

RCGP Category 2 – Neoplasms, Including Reticuloses

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
80	–Ascites	199-
50	–Buccal Cavity, Pharynx, or Lip	199-
51	–Esophagus	151-
52	–Stomach	151-
53	–Colon	151-
54	–Rectum	151-
55	–Pancreas	199-
56	–Larynx	162-
57	–Bronchus, Lung, or Trachea	162-
58	–Breast	174-
59	–Cervix Uteri	180-
60	–Corpus Uteri	180-
61	–Prostate	188-
62	–Bladder or Other Urinary Organs	188-
63	–Other Genital Organs	188-
64	–Skin	173-
65	–Brain	199-
66	–Hodgkin's Disease	201-
68	–All Other Malignant Neoplasms, Including Blood and Lymph	199-
70	–Breast	217-
71	–Uterus	218-
72	–Other Female Genitourinary Organs	228-
73	–Skin	216-
74	–All Other Benign Neoplasms	228-
67	–Leukemia	201-
81	–Pleural Effusion	0122
82	–Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 02)	239-

95A	–Penicillin	977-
95B	–Foods	692-
95C	–Contact Allergies	692-
95D	–Drugs	977-
95E	–Other	977-
96	–Serum Lipid Abnormalities	272-
97	–Cushing's Syndrome	279-
98	–Coeliac Disease	260-
99	–Electrolyte Disturbance	7889
100	–Exophthalmos	7889
101	–Obesity	277-
102	–Glycosuria	789-
103	–Pigmentation	709-
104	–Polyuria	7864
105	–Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 03)	7889
106	–Erythema Multiforme	709-

RCGP Category 4 – Diseases of Blood and Blood Forming Organs

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
110	–Pernicious (Megaloblastic) Anemia	281-
111	–Iron Deficiency (Hypochromic) Anemia	280-
112	–Other Specific Anemias	285-
114	–Other Recognized Disease Not Included Here (Category 04)	2899
120	–Purpura, Secondary or Unspecified	287-
122	–Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 04)	7889
113	–Hemorrhagic Conditions Including Purpura	287-

RCGP Category 3 – Allergic, Endocrine, Metabolic, and Nutritional Problems

RCGP Category 5 – Mental, Personality, and Psychoneurotic Disorders

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)	RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
85	–Hay Fever	507-	123	–Excessive Smoking	3049

RCGP Category 5 – Continued

RCGP Category 6 – Diseases of Nervous System and Sense Organs

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)	RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
124	–Paranoid States	295-			
124	–Paranoid Personality Disorder	301-	155	–Vascular Lesions (Central Nervous System)	438-
125	–Schizophrenia	295-			
125	–Schizoid Personality Disorder	301-	156	–Multiple Sclerosis (Diffuse Systemic)	340-
126	–Affective Psychoses	296-	157	–Parkinsonism	342-
127	–Senile and Presenile Dementia	294-	158	–Epilepsy	345-
128	–All Other Organic Psychoses	294-	159	–Migraine	346-
129	–Other and Unspecified Psychoses	298-	160	–Other Diseases of Central Nervous System	355-
130	–Anxiety Neurosis	3000			
131	–Hysterical Neurosis	3001	161	–Labyrinthitis	385-
132	–Phobic Neurosis	3009	165	–Facial Nerve Paralysis	355-
133	–Obsessive-Compulsive Neurosis	3009	166	–Trigeminal Neuralgia	355-
134	–Depressive Neurosis	3004	167	–Brachial Neuritis	355-
135	–Neurosis Related to Physical Disorders	3001	168	–Sciatica	725-
136	–Neurasthenia	3009	169	–Other Diseases of Peripheral Nerves or Ganglia	355-
137	–Other and Unspecified Neurosis	3009			
138	–Personality Disorders and Sexual Deviations (Psychological and Social)	301-	170	–Conjunctivitis and Ophthalmia	360-
139	–Drug Abuse	3048	171	–Blepharitis	361-
140	–Mental Retardation	315-	172	–Hordeolum or Sty	361-
141	–Abuse of Alcohol	3031	173	–Iritis	378-
142	–Delusions and Hallucinations	298-	174	–Other Inflammatory Diseases of the Eye	378-
143	–Hyperkinesia	308-	175	–Lacrimal Apparatus (including Tear Duct) Disease	378-
144	–Mental Disorders Associated with Physical Condition	309-	176	–Refractive Errors	370-
145	–Frigidity	3056	177	–Keratitis with or without Corneal Ulcer	378-
146	–Insomnia	3064	177A	–Corneal Abrasion	918-
147	–Tension Headache	3068	177B	–Corneal Ulcer	378-
148	–Enuresis	7862	178	–Strabismus	378-
148A	–Encopresis	7889	179	–Cataract	374-
149	–Cardiac Arrhythmia	3001	180	–Glaucoma	375-
150	–Other Special Symptoms not Elsewhere Classified	309-	181	–Other Diseases of the Eye	378-
151	–Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 05)	7889	182	–Otitis Externa	380-
152	–Impotence	3056	183	–Otitis Media (Acute)	3810
154	–Stammer	309-	184	–Otitis Media (Chronic)	3811
550	–Dependent Personality Including Symbiotic and Maternal Maturing	301-	185	–Mastoiditis	3879
551	–Masochistic	309-	186	–Meniere's Disease	385-
552	–Angry Aggressive	301-	187	–Wax in Ear	3871
553	–Passive Aggressive	301-	188	–Otosclerosis	386-
554	–Paranoid	301-	189	–Other Forms of Deafness	386-
555	–Narcissistic	309-	190	–Other Diseases of the Ear or Mastoid Process	3879
560	–Acute Adult Marital Situation Reaction	307-	190A	–Secretory Otitis	384-
561	–Chronic Adult Marital Situation Reaction	Y84-	195	–Coma and Stupor	7889
562	–Other Acute Adult Marital Situation Reaction	307-	196	–Delirium	7889
563	–Other Chronic Adult Marital Situation Reaction	Y94-	197	–Convulsions	7802
564	–Acute Childhood Situation Reaction	307-	198	–Tremor	7803
565	–Chronic Childhood Situation Reaction	Y94-	199	–Ataxia	7889
566	–Acute Adolescent Situation Reaction	307-	200	–Vertigo	7805
567	–Chronic Adolescent Situation Reaction	Y94-	201	–Meningismus	7889
			202	–Diplopia	7889
			203	–Nystagmus	7889
			204	–Photophobia	7889
			205	–Tinnitus	7813
			206	–Paraesthesiae	7816
			207	–Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 06)	7889

RCGP Category 7 – Diseases of Circulatory System

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
209	–Cor Pulmonale	426-
210	–Rheumatic Heart Disease	390-
211	–Acute Myocardial Infarction	410-
212	–Other Ischemic Heart Disease	412-
213	–Myocardial Degeneration from Other Causes	429-
214	–Heart Block and Other Disorders of Rhythm	429-
215	–Congestive Heart Failure	4270
216	–Left Ventricular Failure (Acute)	4270
217	–Other and Ill-Defined Heart Disease	429-
218	–Benign Hypertension with or without Renal Disease	401-
219	–Malignant Hypertension with or without Heart Disease	400-
220	–Reynaud’s Disease	443-
221	–Arteriosclerosis	440-
222	–Chilblains	443-
223	–Peripheral Arterial Disease	443-
224	–Varicose Veins of Lower Extremities	454-
225	–Hemorrhoids	455-
226	–Phlebitis and Thrombophlebitis	451-
227	–Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4589
228	–Other Venous Embolism and Thrombosis	451-
229	–Pulmonary Embolism	450-
230	–Angina of Effort	412-
231	–Precordial Pain	7820
232	–Cyanosis	7889
233	–Syncope	7825
234	–Edema	7826
235	–Dyspnea	7832
236	–Ascites	7889
237	–Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 07)	7889

RCGP Category 8 – Diseases of Respiratory System

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
240	–Coryza (Non-Febrile Common Cold)	460-
241	–Febrile Cold and Influenza-like Illness	460-
242	–Pharyngitis Including Febrile Sore Throat, and Tonsillitis	463-
242A	–Acute Pharyngitis and Other Throat Infections	460-
242B	–Streptococcal Throat Infection	034-
242C	–Vincent’s Infection	136-
243	–Sinusitis Acute	461-
244	–Laryngitis and Tracheitis	464-
245	–Influenza Epidemic	470-
246	–Pneumonia, Pneumonitis	486-
247	–Bronchitis (Acute)	466-
248	–Bronchitis (Chronic)	491-

RCGP Category 8 – Continued

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
249	–Tonsillar and Adenoidal Hypertrophy	500-
250	–Sinusitis (Chronic)	461-
251	–Pleurisy	511-
252	–Spontaneous Pneumothorax	519-
253	–Pneumoconiosis	519-
254	–Bronchiectasis	492-
255	–Emphysema without Mention of Bronchitis	492-
256	–Other Recognized Disease Not Included (Category 08)	519-
257	–Rhinitis, Vasomotor or Allergic	507-
258	–Bronchiolitis	466-
260	–Pleural Effusion	0122
261	–Catarrh	519-
262	–Cyanosis	7889
263	–Epistaxis	7830
264	–Hemoptysis	7831
265	–Dyspnea	7832
266	–Stridor	7889
267	–Cough	7833
268	–Sputum (Noninfected)	7889
269	–Sputum (Infected)	7889
270	–Hoarseness	7835
271	–Pleuritic Pain	7837
272	–Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 08)	7889

RCGP Category 9 – Diseases of Digestive System

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
273	–Acute Gastritis	536-
274	–Oesophagitis	530-
275	–Diseases of Teeth or Supporting Structures	520-
276	–Other Diseases of Buccal Cavity	528-
276A	–Herpes Stomatitis	054-
276B	–Herpangina	136-
276C	–Oral Thrush	112-
277	–Gastric Ulcer	533-
278	–Duodenal Ulcer	532-
279	–Pyloric, Juxtapyloric, or Prepyloric Ulcer	533-
280	–Functional Gastric Disorders	536
281	–Other Diseases of Esophagus, Stomach, or Duodenum	536
282	–Appendicitis	540-
283	–Hernia (Inguinal or Femoral)	550-
284	–Other Hernias of Abdominal Cavity	553-
285A	–Regional Enteritis (Crohn’s Disease)	563-
285B	–Ulcerative Colitis	563-
285C	–Diverticulosis, Diverticulitis	562-
285D	–Other Diseases of Intestines or Peritoneum	578-

RCGP Category 9 – Continued

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
286	–Cholelithiasis	574-
287	–Cholecystitis and Cholangitis without Calculus	574-
288	–Other Diseases of Liver, Gall Bladder, or Pancreas	578-
289	–Cirrhosis of the Liver	571-
290	–Constipation	5640
291	–Splenomegaly	7851
292	–Anorexia	7840
293	–Nausea	7841
294	–Heartburn	7843
295	–Dysphagia	7889
296	–Hematemesis	7845
297	–Hiccough	7889
298	–Hepatomegaly	7851
299	–Jaundice	7889
300	–Ascites	7889
301	–Colic	7855
302	–Melena	7845
303	–Diarrhea and/or Vomiting	7841
304	–Emotionally Determined Digestive Disorder	564-
304A	–Emotionally Determined Dyspepsia	536-
304B	–Emotionally Determined Alteration of Large Bowel Function	564-
305	–Appendicular Pain	7855
306	–Abdominal Pain Other Than Colic	7855
307	–Wind	7847
308	–Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 09)	7889
309	–Anal Fissure and Fistula	565-

RCGP Category 10 – Continued

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
324	–Uterovaginal Prolapse	623-
325	–Dysmenorrhea	6263
326	–Amenorrhea	6260
327	–Irregular Menstruation	6264
328	–Menorrhagia and Metrorrhagia	6262
329	–Menopausal Symptoms	627-
330	–Disorders of Menarche	629-
331	–Other Diseases of Female Genitalia	629-
332	–Cervical Erosion	620-
333	–Ovulation Pain	6263
334	–Other Disorders of Menstruation	6269
335	–Vulvitis, Vaginitis, and Cervicitis, (Non-venereal)	6221
336	–Colic (Renal)	7860
337	–Dysuria and Strangury	7860
338	–Retention of Urine	7889
339	–Incontinence of Urine	7863
340	–Frequency	7864
341	–Polyuria	7864
342	–Dyspareunia	7867
343	–Hematuria	789-
344	–Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 10)	7889

RCGP Category 11 – Pregnancy, Parturition, and Puerperium

RCGP Category 10 – Diseases of Genitourinary System

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
310	–Nephritis and Nephrosis Including Glomerulo, Chronic	580-
311	–Pyelitis and Pyelonephritis	5901
312	–Calculi of Kidneys or Ureters	592-
313	–Cystitis, Acute	595-
314	–Cystitis, Chronic	595-
315	–Urethritis Non-venereal	597-
316	–Other Infections of Urinary System Including Prostate	601-
317	–Other Diseases of Urinary Tract	599-
318	–Prostatic Hypertrophy (Benign)	600-
319	–Hydrocele	603-
320	–Epididymitis and Orchitis	604-
321	–Other Diseases of Male Genitalia	607-
322	–Breast Diseases other than Neoplasm	611-
323	–Salpingitis and Oophoritis	612-

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
345	–Genitourinary Infection During Pregnancy	635-
346	–Toxemias of Pregnancy	637-
347	–Antepartum Hemorrhage	632-
348	–Ectopic Pregnancy	631-
349	–Malposition of Fetus in Uterus	649-
350	–Abortion Spontaneous	643-
351	–Normal Delivery	650-
352	–Normal Pregnancy (Prenatal Care)	Y61-
352A	–Normal Pregnancy	Y60-
352B	–Multiple Pregnancy	649-
353	–Placenta Previa	632-
354	–Retained Placenta	677-
355	–Forceps Delivery (All Indications)	661-
356	–Malposition and/or Disproportion Affecting 2nd Stage	661-
357	–Prolonged Labor	661-
358	–Laceration and Episiotomy	661-
359	–Puerperal Sepsis	677-
360	–Puerperal Thrombophlebitis	677-
361	–Puerperal Mastitis	678-
362	–Other Complications of Pregnancy, Delivery, or Puerperium	649-

RCGP Category 11 – Continued

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
363	—Postpartum Hemorrhage	661-
364	—Cesarean Section (All Indications)	661-
365	—Pyrexia of Childbirth and Puerperium	677-
367	—Abortion Induced	640-
366	—Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 11)	649-

RCGP Category 12 – Diseases of Skin and Cellular Tissue

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
368	—Pityriasis Rosea	6963
369	—Acne	7061
370	—Boil and Carbuncle	680-
371	—Cellulitis of Finger and Toe	681-
372	—Other Cellulitis without Mention of Lymphangitis	680-
373	—Infantile Eczema	691-
374	—Cellulitis and Abscess with Lymphangitis	683-
375	—Impetigo	684-
377	—Other Infections of Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue	685-
378	—Seborrheic Dermatitis	690-
379	—Atopic Dermatitis (Eczema)	691-
380	—Contact Dermatitis	692-
381	—Other Dermatitis	692-
382	—Psoriasis	6961
383	—Pruritis	698-
384	—Corns and Callosities	700-
385	—Other Hypertrophic and Atrophic Conditions of Skin	709-
386	—Other Dermatoses	709-
387	—Disease of Nail and Nail Bed	703-
388	—Disease of Hair and Hair Follicle	704-
389	—Disease of Sweat and Sebaceous Glands	705-
390	—Chronic Ulcer of Skin	707-
391	—Dermatitis Herpetiformis, Pemphigus, and Erythema	709-
394	—Insect Bites	910-
395	—Erythema	709-
397	—Pigmentation	709-
398	—Rash	7882
399	—Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 12)	7889

RCGP Category 13 – Diseases of Bone and Organs of Movement

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
400	—Cervical Injury (eg, Whiplash, Excluding Fractured Disc)	8470

RCGP Category 13 – Continued

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
401	—Spasm of Neck Muscle with or without Torticollis	720-
404	—Cervical Spondylosis	7131
405	—Rheumatoid Arthritis	712-
406	—Osteoarthritis	713-
407	—Backache not Attributed to Disc Lesion	7289
408	—Fibrositis and Muscular Rheumatism	7179
409	—Other Forms of Arthritis and Rheumatism	715-
410	—Torn Meniscus of Knee	724-
411	—Other Internal Derangements of Knee	724-
412	—Displacement of Intervertebral Disc	725-
413	—Flat Foot	738-
414	—Hallux Valgus or Varus	738-
415	—Other Recognized Disease Not Included Here (Category 13)	739-
415A	—Femoral Anteversion	754-
416	—Genu Valgum or Varum	738-
416A	—Tibial Torsion	738-
417	—Scoliosis and Kyphoscoliosis	735-
418	—Osteoporosis	7230
420	—Bursitis	731-
421	—Tenosynovitis	731-
422	—Synovitis	731-
423	—Backache with Sciatica	725-
424	—Backache with Other Neuritis	7289
425	—Back Pain Alone	7289
426	—Frozen Shoulder	717-
427	—Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 13)	7889
428	—Pain in Joint (Arthralgia)	7873

RCGP Category 14 – Congenital Malformations

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
402	—Congenital Dislocated Hip	754-
403	—Congenital Talipes	754-
429	—Anencephaly, Microcephaly, and Monstrosity	758-
430	—Spina Bifida and Meningocele with Hydrocephalus	758-
431	—Spina Bifida and Meningocele without Hydrocephalus	758-
432	—Congenital Hydrocephalus	758-
433	—Congenital Malformations of Circulatory System	746-
434	—Cleft Palate and Hair Lip	758-
435	—Congenital Malformation of Digestive System	758-
436	—Congenital Malformation of Genitourinary System	758-
437	—Congenital Malformation of Bone and Joint	758-
438	—Other Recognized Disease Not Included Here (Category 14)	758-
438A	—Chromosomal Abnormality	758-
439	—Other Imprecisely Defined Congenital Abnormality	758-

RCGP Category 15 – Certain Diseases of Early Infancy

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
5	–Diarrhea of Newborn	778-
170	–Ophthalmia Neonatorum	778-
246	–Pneumonia of Newborn	778-
440	–Birth Injury due to Difficult Labor	778-
441	–Respiratory Distress Syndrome	778-
443	–Birth Injury to Brain, Spinal Cord, Bone, or Nerve	778-
445	–Umbilical Sepsis	778-
447	–Hemolytic Disease	778-
448	–Hemorrhagic Disease	778-
449	–Immaturity, Dysmaturity	778-
451	–Other Recognized Disease Not Included Here (Category 15)	778-
452	–Feeding Problems	2699
453	–Failure to Thrive	778-

RCGP Category 16 – Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
444	–Lymphadenopathy, Enlargement of Lymph Nodes	7827
446	–Debility and Fatigue	7901
450	–Sleep Disturbance	3064
454	–Headache	791-
455	–Malingering	7889
456	–Dehydration	7889
457	–Weight Loss	7884
458	–Pyrexia of Unknown Origin	7888
459	–Rigors	7889
460	–Albuminuria	789-
462	–Uremia (Raised BUN)	251-
463	–Senility	794-
464	–Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 16)	7889
466	–Sweating	7881

RCGP Category 17 – Accidents, Poisoning, and Violence

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
465	–Foreign Body not Entering Through Orifice	888-
467	–Fracture of Spine	805-
468	–Fracture of Femur	820-
469	–Fracture of Tibia and/or Fibula	823-
470	–Fracture of Skull	802-
471	–Fracture of Ribs	807-
472	–Fracture of Pelvis	829-
473	–Fracture of Clavicle	810-

RCGP Category 17 – Continued

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
474	–Fracture of Humerus	812-
475	–Colles' Fracture	813-
476	–Fracture of Carpal, Metacarpal, Tarsal, or Metatarsal	814-
477	–Fracture of Phalanges	816-
478	–Dislocation of Jaw	839-
479	–Dislocation of Shoulder	839-
480	–Sprains and Strains	848-
481	–Intracranial Injury Excluding Fracture of Skull	850-
482	–Internal Injury of Chest, Abdomen, or Pelvis	959-
483	–Lacerations, Amputations, Contusions, and Abrasions	889-
484	–Foreign Body Entering Through Orifice	939-
485	–Burns, First-Degree	949-
486	–Burns, Second-Degree	949-
487	–Burns, Third-Degree	949-
488	–Effects of Alcohol Poisoning	989-
489	–Effects of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	989-
490	–Effects of Barbiturate Poisoning	977-
491	–Effects of Aspirin Poisoning	977-
492	–Motion Sickness	994-
493	–Other Recognized Disease Not Included Here (Category 17)	959-
494	–Other Sign, Symptom, or Incomplete Diagnosis (Category 17)	7889
495	–Other Fractures Not Included above	829-
496	–Adverse Effects of Other Drugs	977-
497	–Dislocation of Radial Head	839-
497	–Adverse Effects of Hallucinogens	977-

RCGP Category 18 – Prophylactic Procedures

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
500	–Cervical Smear	Y00-
504	–Health Education and Counseling	Y71-
505	–Other Prophylactic Procedures	Y00-
510	–Routine Medical Exam Including Geriatric	Y00-
511	–Other Preventive or Presymptomatic Exam	Y00-
511A	–Medical Examination for Administrative Purposes	Y00-
511B	–Well-Baby Check	Y00-
541	–TB (BCG)	Y02-
542	–Smallpox	Y02-
543	–Diphtheria	Y02-
543	–Whooping Cough	Y02-
543	–Tetanus	Y02-
544	–Poliomyelitis	Y02-
545	–Rubella	Y02-
546	–Measles	Y02-
556	–Typhoid or Paratyphoid	Y02-
557	–Yellow Fever	Y02-
558	–Cholera	Y02-

RCGP Category 18 – Continued

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
559	—Tetanus Alone	Y02-
568	—Other Disease Immunization	Y02-
578	—Sterilization Male or Female	Y40-
578A	—Vasectomy	Y40-
578B	—Female Sterilization	Y40-
585	—Oral Contraceptive Advice	Y41-
586	—Other Contraceptive Advice	Y43-
587	—Intrauterine Device (IUD)	Y42-

RCGP Category 19 – Abnormal Findings of Investigational Procedures

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
601	—Abnormal Urine Exam	789-
602	—Abnormal Urinalysis	789-
603	—Abnormal Urine Culture	789-
604	—Abnormal Urine Test	789-
610	—Abnormal Hematology	2896
611	—Abnormal Blood Count	2896
612	—Abnormal Blood Test	2896
620	—Abnormal Blood Sugar	251-
621	—Abnormal Blood Urea	251-
622	—Abnormal Electrolytes	251-
623	—Abnormal Thyroid Function	251-
624	—Abnormal Liver Function	251-
625	—Other Abnormal Biochemistry	251-
630	—Abnormal EKG	429-
631	—Abnormal Chest X-Ray	7887
632	—Abnormal GI Series X-Ray	7887
634	—Abnormal Other X-Ray	7887
635	—Abnormal Findings at Other Instrumental Tests	7887
640	—Abnormal Findings at Sigmoidoscopy	7887
641	—Abnormal Findings at Oesophagoscopy	7887
642	—Abnormal Findings at Cystoscopy	7887
643	—Abnormal Findings at Lumbar Puncture	7887
644	—Abnormal Findings at Other Procedure	7887
645	—Abnormal PAP Smear	7887

RCGP Category 20 – Psychosocial and Family Problems

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
700	—Economic Problems	Y80-
701	—Housing Problems	Y81-
702	—Medical Care Problems	Y83-
703	—Educational Problems	Y90-
704	—Family Relationship Problems	Y89-
704A	—Marital Conflict	Y84-
704B	—Parent/Child Conflict	Y85-
704C	—In-law Problems	Y86-
704D	—Other Family Relationship Problems	Y89-
705	—Legal Problems	Y96-

RCGP Category 20 – Continued

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
706	—Other High-Risk Family Situations	Y89-
707	—Pregnancy and Birth Out-Of-Wedlock in Parent or Child	Y91-
708	—Social Isolation	Y92-
709	—Occupational Maladjustment	Y93-
710	—Dependency	Y95-
711	—Physical Disability Chronic	Y94-
712	—Other High-Risk Individual	Y17-
713	—Out of Work Acute	Y93-
714	—Out of Work Chronic	Y93-
715	—Medical Absenteeism	Y93-
716	—Unemployment Because of Illness	Y93-
717	—Other Employment Problems	Y93-
718	—Imprisonment	Y96-
719	—Prosecution or Impending Litigation	Y96-
721	—Divorce Proceedings	Y96-
722	—Other Social Problems in Family or Individual	Y95-
723	—High-Risk Infant	Y17-
724	—High-Risk Pregnancy	Y17-
725	—High-Risk Accident	Y17-
726	—High-Risk Physical Violence	Y17-
727	—Alcoholism in Parent or Child	Y85-
728	—Drug Abuse in Parent or Child	Y85-
729	—Other Social and Personal Problems	Y95-
730	—Other Legal Problems	Y96-
731	—Adopted Child	Y85-
732	—Foster Child	Y85-

RCGP Category 21 – Family History of Selected Diseases

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
These RCGP codes have no equivalents in the ICHPPC. A parallel classification can be maintained with a modifying letter, eg,		
819	—Mental Retardation	F315-

RCGP Category 22 – Selected Drug Index

RCGP Code	RCGP Rubric	ICHPPC Equivalent(s)
585	—Birth Control Pills	Y41-
901	—Cortico Steroids or ACTH	Y16-
902	—Antidepressives	Y16-
903	—Hypnotics	Y16-
904	—Other Psychotropic Drugs	Y16-
905	—Thiazide Diuretics	Y16-
906	—Specific Hypotensives	Y16-
907	—Cardiac Glycosides	Y16-
908	—Other Cardiac Drugs	Y16-
909	—Birth Control Pills	Y41-
910	—Antibiotics and Other Anti-Infective Agents	Y16-
911	—Oral Hypoglycemics	Y16-
912	—Insulin	Y16-
913	—Hormones Other Than Listed Above	Y16-
914	—Anticoagulants	Y16-
915	—L-Dopa	Y16-
916	—Other Drugs Presenting a Risk	Y16-