

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES
RELATIONSHIP OF CATEGORIES OF SEVENTH AND EIGHTH REVISIONS

This document, which has been prepared by the WHO Centre for Classification of Diseases, London, is a guide to comparability between the Seventh and Eighth Revisions of the ICD. Thus, the second column lists the Eighth Revision category or categories which now include the terms formerly classified to the Seventh Revision category in the first column.

e.g.	<u>Col. 1</u> <u>Rev. 7</u>	<u>Col. 2</u> <u>Rev. 8</u>
	007	012.3 012.9

The terms included in Seventh Revision category 007 are classified to 012.3 or 012.9 in the Eighth Revision. This does not necessarily mean that all the terms in 012.3 and 012.9 were previously classified to 007; for information on this point it is necessary to look up 012.3 and 012.9 in column 3.

Similarly, the fourth column lists the Seventh Revision category or categories which formerly included the terms now classified to the Eighth Revision category in the third column.

e.g.	<u>Col. 3</u> <u>Rev. 8</u>	<u>Col. 4</u> <u>Rev. 7</u>
	009.1	571 764 785.6

The terms included in Eighth Revision category 009.1 were classified to 571, 764 or 785.6 in the Seventh Revision. This does not necessarily mean that all the terms in 571, 764 and 785.6 are now classified to 009.1; for information on this point it is necessary to look up 571, 764 and 785.6 in column 1.

It must be emphasized that this is no more than a guide to the way in which the bulk of inclusion terms and index terms have moved between the two revisions. Some individual terms may have been re-classified in a manner not indicated in this document.

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The comparison is in four sections: diseases (000-796), nature of injury (N800-N999), external cause of injury (E800-E999), and causes of stillbirth (Seventh Revision codes Y30-Y39).

In general, the document is in terms of three- and four-digit categories, but where a fourth-digit sub-division is common to a group of categories (e.g. deliveries, fractures) the comparison has been confined to three-digit categories. In a few places, where a change in the axis of classification has resulted in a complex re-arrangement of terms (e.g. transport accidents), groups of categories have been compared. A few categories in both Revisions have been omitted altogether, where some concept or criterion of classification is used in one Revision but not the other (e.g. Eighth Revision categories E980-E989 Injury undetermined whether accidentally or purposely inflicted, the Seventh Revision sub-categories for multiple sites of malignant neoplasm within a three-digit category). In spite of these limitations, the document should be of assistance to countries attempting to construct a comparability bridge between the two Revisions and to countries preparing alphabetical indexes to the ICD in their own languages.