

NHS Data Model and Dictionary



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Subject: Introduction of OPCS-4.10
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Reason for Change: Change to Information Standards
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Background:

The OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures Version 4.9 was approved by the Data Coordination Board as [DCB0084: OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures](#), for use from 1st April 2020.

The OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures Version 4.10 (OPCS-4.10) will be introduced for use from 1 April 2023.

OPCS-4.10 introduces new codes and descriptions, retires codes and makes changes to code descriptions resulting from user submissions to the OPCS-4 Request Submission Portal.

The final changes will be listed in the Summary of Changes from OPCS-4.9 to OPCS-4.10 which will be available via the Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service (TRUD) with the release files in the first week in October 2022.

The Clinical Classification, OPCS-4, is mandatory for the Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Set (CDS) and wherever there is a national requirement to support secondary uses. The classification may be used locally for operational uses.

To support the Information Standard, this Change Request updates the OPCS page within the NHS Data Model and Dictionary.

A short demonstration is available which describes "How to Read an NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request", in an easy to understand screen capture including a voice over and readable captions. This demonstration can be viewed at: https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/elearning/change_request/index.html.

Note: if the web page does not open, please copy the link and paste into the web browser. A guide to how to use the demonstration can be found at: [Demonstrations](#).

Summary of changes:

Supporting Information

OPCS CLASSIFICATION OF INTERVENTIONS AND PROCEDURES

Changed Description

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Note: New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

OPCS CLASSIFICATION OF INTERVENTIONS AND PROCEDURES

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

The OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures ([OPCS-4](#)) is a Fundamental Information Standard which is revised periodically. The classification is used by [Health Care Providers](#) and national and regional [ORGANISATIONS](#).

[OPCS-4](#) is used to support operational and strategic planning, resource utilisation, performance management, reimbursement, research and epidemiology. It is used by NHS suppliers to build/update software to support NHS business functions and interoperability.

~~The classification is published in two volumes. The Tabular List and Alphabetical Index are available from The Stationery Office at [www](#). The classification consists of two volumes; Tabular List and Alphabetical Index. It is accessible in the Classifications Browser at <https://classbrowser.nhs.uk> which also contains links to the National Clinical Coding Standards.~~

The classification is also available for purchase in paper format from The Stationery Office at www.tsoshop.co.uk

National information standards and data collections, such as Commissioning Data Sets requiring [OPCS-4](#) coding should use the latest mandated version of the [OPCS-4](#) as given in the table below:

Year	Version of OPCS-4*
Up to 31 March 2006	OPCS-4.2
01-Apr-2006 to 31-Mar-2007	OPCS-4.3
01-Apr-2007 to 31-Mar-2009	OPCS-4.4
01-Apr-2009 to 31-Mar-2011	OPCS-4.5

01-Apr-2011 to 31-Mar-2014	OPCS-4.6
01-Apr-2014 to 31-Mar-2017	OPCS-4.7
01-Apr-2017 to 31-Mar-2020	OPCS-4.8
01-Apr-2020 until further notification	OPCS-4.9
01-Apr-2020 to 31-Mar-2023	OPCS-4.9
01-Apr-2023 until further notification	OPCS-4.10

*Tables of Coding Equivalences are issued for mapping back to previous versions and are available from [Technology Reference Update Distribution \(TRUD\)](#).

For further information see the [NHS Digital](#) website at: [Terminology and Classifications](#).

OPCS-4 Requests Portal

The [OPCS-4](#) Requests Portal allows stakeholders to submit change requests to the [Terminology and Classifications Delivery Service](#) all year round. A cut-off date for receipt of change requests for consideration in the next release is published on the Requests Portal. Requests received after the cut-off date will be considered in a subsequent release.

For further information and access to the OPCS-4 Requests Portal, see the [NHS Digital](#) website at: [Clinical Classifications](#).

High Cost Drugs and Chemotherapy Regimens

The listings of High Cost Drugs and Chemotherapy Regimens which are mapped to OPCS-4 codes are provided as look-up tables downloadable from [Delen](#) at [Delen: Popular Publications](#).

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