

WHO Drug Dictionary Training for Coders

Course Length:

8 hours-1 day

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate practical application of the WHO Drug Dictionary
- Describe the differences between the 3 types of WHO Drug Dictionaries
- Describe how to best utilize ATC in the coding process
- List two methods of WHO Drug Dictionary user support

Course Benefits:

- Thorough review of the WHO Drug Dictionaries' similarities and differences, including dictionary types, formats, and components of the dictionaries
- Opportunity to understand the ATC classification system and how to utilize it effectively in the coding process
- Discussion regarding development of coding guidelines and their potential impact on coding and analysis
- Hands-on application of coding verbatim terms during the training session
- Interaction regarding how to optimize utilization of the WHO Drug Dictionaries

Course Outline:

1. WHO Drug Dictionaries

- Dictionary types
- Types of formats
- Format components

2. ATC Classification

- Structure
- Nomenclature
- ATC classification principles

3. Coding Issues

- Non-unique names
- Multi-ingredient products
- Development of coding guidelines

4. Analysis

- WHO Drug Dictionaries and analysis
- Types of analysis to consider

5. Practical matters

- Adding/deleting a drug
- Changes to the content of the dictionary
- Release dates
- Version control
- User support

6. Optimizing utilization of the WHO Drug Dictionaries

- Stakeholders
- Decision topics

7. Q & A