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Prof Michael Pervan
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By email to: submissions.ihacpa@ihacpa.gov.au

Dear Prof Pervan

Re: Consultation paper on the development of the ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Thirteenth Edition and AR-DRG

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) welcomes the opportunity to provide input into the public consultation on the draft Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA)'s consultation paper on the development of [ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Thirteenth Edition and AR-DRG Version 12.0](#).

The RANZCP is the principal organisation representing the medical speciality of psychiatry in Australia and New Zealand and is responsible for training, educating and representing psychiatrists on policy issues. The RANZCP represents more than 8000 members, including more than 5800 qualified psychiatrists in Australia and New Zealand and is guided on policy matters by a range of expert committees.

The RANZCP recognises the work IHACPA has undertaken for the development of the ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS and AR-DRG editions. The RANZCP supports refinements made to the ICD-10-AM Thirteenth edition to better capture social factors in data collection for admitted patient care. These involve inclusion of cultural determinants of health, concepts relating to early parenting centres, and socioeconomic status and housing in admitted patient care data collection.

The RANZCP supports the inclusion of T74 *psychological abuse* in the ICD-10 AM. Explicitly including non-physical forms of abuse, such as coercive and emotional control, highlights the most common forms of violence experienced by women in Australia. These changes, as well as those related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, homelessness and people affected by disasters strengthen the messaging and utility of the ICD-10 AM.

The RANZCP also acknowledges the IHACPA's efforts to work with jurisdictions and key stakeholders to refine the development of ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Thirteenth Edition and AR-DRG Version 12.0.

As leaders in mental health, the RANZCP welcomes further consultation with the IHACPA on matters relating to the development of the ICD 10 AM/ACHI/ACS Thirteenth Edition and AR DRG Version 12.0

If you would like to discuss the contents of this letter, please contact Nicola Wright,
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Moore', written in a cursive style.

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President

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