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Thank you for the opportunity to review the stakeholder consultation paper regarding the Australian non-admitted care classification development.

I manage an outreach team which delivers allied health, nursing and medical community rehabilitation services to people with spinal cord injury in Queensland.

The document is well thought out and my comments relate to section 5.2 Diagnosis and intervention type variables.

5.2.2 Problem, diagnosis and chronic conditions in the presence of SCI. My team works with people where the presenting problem is often a secondary condition of their spinal cord injury (paraplegia or tetraplegia) eg a person with paraplegia who presents to our team for advice on management of a pressure injury.

Is spinal cord injury likely to be considered in the 'chronic conditions' group.

I note that further guidance and business rules will be developed and it would be good to get further clarification of how these encounters will be coded based on presenting problem.

5.2.3 In relation to the definition of intervention data I noted the proposal to use the WHO definition of a health intervention. My team provides significant support to other health teams, consulting on the management relating to spinal cord injury and the secondary conditions that are often the presenting problem. These interventions may not be with the person with spinal cord injury but are 'about' their health care needs. Is this type of consultation included in the WHO definition as it describes an 'act performed for, with or on behalf of a person...'?

The Spinal Outreach Team has collected problem based occasion of service data since our inception in 1996 and I would welcome the opportunity for further discussion if that is of interest to the project team.

Kind regards  
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