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WIGSB Welsh Information Governance and Standards Board	Subject: National Procedure Codes for Diagnostic Imaging
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CLINICAL DATA SET CHANGE NOTICE

Summary of change:

To introduce the National Procedure Codes for Diagnostic Imaging.

These changes will be reflected in the Version 1.1 of the NHS Wales Clinical Data Sets Catalogue.

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Subject: National Procedure Codes for Diagnostic Imaging

Reason for Change: To Standardise the Use of Procedure Codes for Diagnostic Imaging in Wales

Implementation Date: By December 2009

Background:

Historically, imaging departments have developed their own sets of procedure codes to support their local operational and business requirements. Research has shown a lot of commonality between these lists, but there is also significant variance as the lists have evolved to meet local requirements. Whilst this diversity provides local flexibility, it is an obstacle to wider system integration and interoperability, and limits the ability for sites to collate data across healthcare providers.

In England a number of stakeholders, including the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR), NPfIT and Local Service Providers (LSPs), collaborated to produce a common set of procedure codes and descriptions to support initial deployments in the Connecting for Health PACS programme. This list is referred to as CRS Radiology Catalogue v2.0 (Examination Code Set), NPfIT-LON-LBP-0228.06, or more commonly just as the v2.0 code set. This list has formed the basis of the National code set and now includes additional content and a greater degree of editorial stringency and consistency but follows the same format for the code creation.

As part of the Welsh Assembly Government *Diagnostic Services Strategy*, the All Wales Radiology Management Services (RMS) IT project were given the task of developing and implementing an ICT infrastructure to support services unconstrained by traditional organisational, departmental or professional boundaries. In 2007 the Diagnostic Service Strategy Programme (Diagnostic Imaging Board) worked with Health Solutions Wales to implement RadIS2 across NHS Wales. The project resulted in a standard information system being used across all radiology departments in Wales which could be used as a base on which to develop information standards across all departments. One such standard is the codes and descriptions used for diagnostic procedures.

It is appreciated that the change in codes will make it difficult to compare the statistics collected before the date of change with those following the change.

It is expected that Trusts adopt the new codes close to the time of implementing RadIS2 so that the additional data fields captured by RadIS2 are collected using the new codes.

The National Procedure Codes for Diagnostic Imaging have been taken through the Information Governance Process and have been approved by the Welsh Information Governance & Standards Board (WIGSB).

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Links:

WIGSB Final Proposal – National Procedure Codes for Diagnostic Imaging:-

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/742/WIGSB%20Final%20Proposal%20%2D%20Diagnostic%20Procedure%20Codes.pdf>

WIGSB Outcome for National Procedure Codes for Diagnostic Imaging:-

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/Documents/742/Outcome%20for%20Diagnostic%20Imaging%20Procedure%20Codes%20Final.pdf>

Actions Required

Actions for the Service:

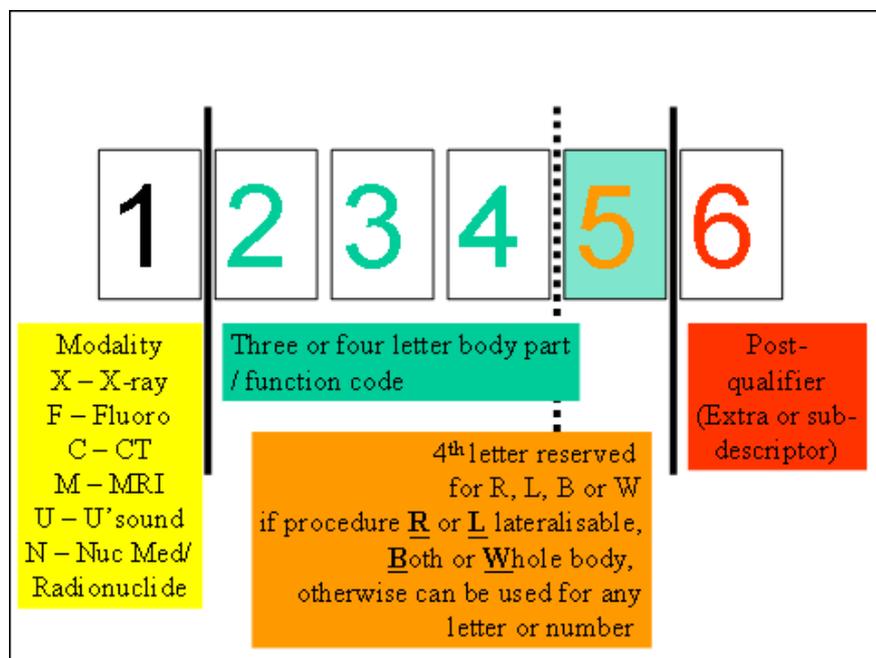
- From April 2009 all diagnostic imaging departments to make use of the national codes and national procedure descriptions within their radiology information systems.
- Retire existing local codes and activate those procedure codes relevant to the local service.

Actions for Health Solutions Wales:

- Load new procedure codes into the RadIS 2 system.

National Procedure Codes for Diagnostic Imaging

Code Structure:



See <http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/data/terminology/imaging>

To access the National Procedure Codes for Diagnostic Imaging from this page use the link:
[National Interim descriptions for Diagnostic Imaging Procedures \(without snomed mapping\) \(XLS.2.6mb\)](http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/data/terminology/imaging/national.xls)
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