EDITORIAL

Persian Medicine National Coding for Classification of Diseases will be Implemented in ICD-11 TM2

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The International Classification of Diseases (ICD) is made by the World Health Organization as a diagnostic tool for epidemiology, health management and clinical purposes. The eleventh revision of ICD (ICD-11) is the latest version that its developing started in 2007 and is going to replace the ICD-10. It is decided to implement traditional medicine disease classifications into ICD-11. Traditional Medicine Module 1 covering Chinese Medicine is finalized and available in the online platform of ICD-11. Also, its module 2 is under developing.

After 2 years online meetings to prepare ICD-11 Traditional Module 2 (TM2), its alpha draft is finalized in the WHO technical meeting on ICD-11 TM2 in Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 16-18, 2022 (Figure 1). Dr. Arman Zargaran (the vice for international affairs, Office of Persian and complementary medicine, Iranian ministry of health and medical education) and Dr. Seyed Ali Mozaffarpour (the Chancellor of Babol University of Medical Sciences) were participated in this meeting as the representatives of Iran.

Figure 1. Some pictures of WHO technical meeting on ICD-11 TM2 in Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 16-18, 2022

This draft is covering coding of disease classification in Unani Medicine, Siddha and Ayurveda. According to this meeting, Persian Medicine classification of diseases also could be implemented in the module 2. A team of specialists related to subject is formed in the Office of Persian and complementary medicine at Iranian ministry of health and medical education to finalize national coding, make frequency analysis for each entity and complete definitions in English. These entities are categorized into two parts, patterns and organ diseases. There were regular and intensive meetings with WHO during last two months to finalize Persian Medicine national coding and supply required documents to implement it into ICD 11 Traditional Medicine Module 2 beta draft. In the current step the similarities of entities with Unani medicine are reviewing to finalize the Persian Medicine entities that should be implemented.

Conflict of Interest

None.