



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

Swiss Classification of Surgical Interventions (CHOP)

Description

The Swiss Classification of Surgical Interventions (CHOP) lists the procedure codes to describe specific medical services provided in a hospital inpatient environment. It is published in three languages (German, French and Italian). The version of reference is the German-language publication of the systematic index.

Methodology

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The Swiss Classification of Surgical Interventions (CHOP) was originally based on the US ICD-9-CM, which was created by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Baltimore (United States). Since 2008, the CHOP has continued to develop independently of the ICD-9-CM. Various adjustments have been considered and are ongoing to align the classification with the SwissDRG, TARPSY and ST Reha tariff structures, and to take into account medical developments and classification updates.

The CHOP contains alphanumeric codes and has 19 chapters, which are comprised of one or more categories. The CHOP is structured into hierarchically organised categories (2-digit codes), 3-digit categories (3-digit codes), sub-categories (4-digit codes), element groups (5-digit codes) and elements (6-digit codes). Terminal codes are 3-, 4- or 6-digit codes.

Variables used

The CHOP provides the metadata for the following variable in the SpiGes variable list (dataset for healthcare statistics): `behandlung_chop`.

Survey date / period

CHOP annual publication schedule:

- Systematic index, German version: end of July
- Systematic index, French and Italian versions: end of October
- Multilang table: end of October
- CHOP N-1 and CHOP N conversion table: end of October
- Alphabetical index, versions in German, French and Italian: mid-November
- YYYY application procedure - Compilation of requests for the further development of the CHOP operation classification and the coding guidelines: mid-December
- Errata in circulars no. 1 and 2: mid-December and end of June

Periodicity of publication

All CHOP publications (systematic and alphabetical index, multilang and transition tables) are published annually in the three official languages.

Degree of regionalisation

Switzerland, language regions

Policy on revisions

Routine revision

The annual application procedure supports the further development of the CHOP. The annual application procedure is used to request changes to the content and wording of the CHOP. The applications are processed under the direction of the FSO in a committee of stakeholders from the Swiss healthcare system. The FSO is responsible for developing

and publishing the classification. Requested changes will appear in the CHOP at the earliest two years after submission. The CHOP is updated and published annually. The application procedure is published on the FSO website.

Non-scheduled revision
In the event of national or international health incidents (e.g. pandemics), a new, unscheduled CHOP version may be published.

Legal bases

- Federal Statistics Act (FStatA) of 9 October 1992
- Federal Health Insurance Act (LAMal) of 18 March 1994
- Ordinance on the Conduct of Federal Statistical Surveys of 30 April 2025 (Statistical Surveys Ordinance)

Organisation

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Population Health Section (GESB)
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