



Dear Colleague,

The World Health Organization's Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse is forming a global network of mental health professionals to help inform the development of the classification of Mental and Behavioural Disorders in next version of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11), currently planned for publication in 2015. WHO has worked with the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) and your national psychological association to ensure strong representation of psychologists and psychological science in the ICD revision process.

We are writing to invite you to register for the new **Global Clinical Practice Network**. Your input is of vital importance to ensuring the development of a classification of mental and behavioural disorders that is clinically useful, easy to use, and accurate. By joining this network, you will be part of an international and multidisciplinary group of mental health and primary care professionals from all regions of the world who will provide valuable input based on their clinical expertise, experience, and knowledge.

If you choose to participate, you may be asked to review materials, offer feedback about ideas or concepts that WHO is developing, or participate in specific types of field studies. The information you provide will inform WHO's decisions about the content and structure of the new classification system, as well as how that information is presented to different users. Your participation will be tailored to your own professional interests and areas of expertise.

Once registered, you will receive requests for participation **no more than once a month**. Participation will be designed to take **approximately 20 minutes** of your time on each occasion. Your participation is completely voluntary, and your responses will be kept confidential, secure, and will not be released to anyone else. Information will be analyzed in aggregate form and used exclusively for the purpose of ICD revision.

If you agree to join the Global Clinical Practice Network, please follow the link below to register. The first studies are expected to begin within the next few months.

To register for WHO Global Clinical Practice Network:

http://kuclas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9RD5BwZDzWIZUPy

If you have any questions about the Global Clinical Practice Network or about participation, please contact Blanca Mellor, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, WHO, at mellorb@who.int.

Thank you for your continued interest and willingness to assist WHO in this important endeavour.

Best regards,

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