

Correcting Un-coded Text

Entering a **free text (un-coded = a diagnosis not on the dropdown pick list)** diagnosis into a patient record, it will not be internally coded and as such, will not be found when performing any of the conventional searches.

For example, if a diagnosis of Diabetes Type 2 is typed in progress notes, or the diagnosis is added with incorrect spelling, it will not be found in the search list, nor will it appear in the diabetes register.

Coding Diagnosis

Ensure that MD is not running anywhere on the network and backup your current data before running this utility

MD2 - MD Maintenance → Data Management → Diagnosis code

MD3 - HCN Maintenance → choose Medical Director view → Diagnosis coder

The Diagnosis Coder will appear showing a list of diagnoses that have been entered via free text in the left column.

1. Look down the left hand list for any items that relate to Diabetes e.g. Diab, Type 1, Type 2, Dibates etc.
2. Highlight the item and then in the right hand column type "Diabetes" and a coded list of diabetes diagnosis will appear. Scroll down the list until you find the correct coded diagnosis for the patient and highlight this.
3. Select "Link" or "Correct" and this will change the free text diagnosis to a coded diagnosis → Continue this process for all diagnoses in the free text column.

Link – keeps the name but attaches a code so that it can be searched and will appear in registers. The link only applies to that entry, not from that point onwards

Correct – changes the name and codes the diagnosis correctly – IDEAL & recommended

Searching for Patients with Un-coded Diagnosis

In **MD2** Main screen → Search → Databases

In **MD3** Main screen → Search → Patient

1. Under Drug/Condition select "Currently taking drug from class" → e.g. "antidiabetic agents" → Click "add to search criteria".
2. Under "Condition" type "Diabetes" and mark the "as a NOT condition" box → "add to search criteria"

The query (in the box at the bottom) should read "All patients using anti-diabetic agents NOT having diabetes".

This will find all people prescribed this medication aren't coded as a diabetic → Click search.

3. Print this list and cross check lists against diabetes register to identify un-coded diabetic patients
4. If the patient is a diabetic but is not coded as one, add this diagnosis in the past history section
5. If a patient does not have diabetes, add this diagnosis in past history (e.g. Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome)

After properly diagnosing all the patients on the list you should find your diabetes register is now much bigger.