

The website of the International Headache Classification ICHD-2

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Background and Aims: After publishing the second edition of the international headache classification (ICHD-2), a web-based version was developed. The aim was to make the entire classification available online, globally accessible.

Methods: The contents of the classification are presented in the internet at www.ihs-classification.org and continuously updated. The main menu includes the manual for using the classification, the primary headaches, the secondary headaches and the cranial neuralgias. A sitemap and a comparison table allow the conversion of IHS into ICD codes and vice versa. A downloads section makes important IHS publications available. A search function can be used to search the entire classification for specific terms.

Results: Doctors across the globe use this website to look up classification criteria. The website offers the possibility of uploading the classification step by step and including it in different languages. So far, English, German and Italian versions are available.

Conclusion: The web-based version of the international headache classification is a modern approach to making the classification widely available, with advantages over print or simple computer file editions. It improves the practical usability and direct application of the headache classification for both clinical medicine and research.

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the IHS Classification ICHD-II website. The header includes the title "IHS Classification ICHD-II" and a search bar. The main content area is divided into several sections: "Home", "Introduction" (with sub-sections like Prefaces, Introduction to the classification, etc.), "The Classification" (with sub-sections like Table of contents, Part I: The primary headaches, etc.), and "More IHS Resources". A sidebar on the right contains a "Sitemap", "IHS vs. ICD-10", "IHS Subcommittee", and "Downloads" sections.

The screenshot shows a specific classification entry on the website: "Complications of migraine (1.5)G43.3". The entry is listed under "PART I: MIGRAINE" and includes sub-points like "1.1. Migraine without aura", "1.2. Migraine with aura", etc. A table at the bottom shows the IHS diagnosis "1.5 Complications of migraine" corresponding to the ICD-10 code "G43.3".

The screenshot shows another specific classification entry: "PART TWO: THE SECONDARY HEADACHES". It lists 12 types of secondary headaches, such as "5. HEADACHE ATTRIBUTED TO HEAD AND/OR NECK TRAUMA", "6. HEADACHE ATTRIBUTED TO CRANIAL OR CEREBRAL VASCULAR DISORDER", etc. Below the list is an "INTRODUCTION TO THE SECONDARY HEADACHES" section, which explains that a secondary headache is one that develops as a brain tumour or is a result of another disorder.