Consensus on the World Health Organization (WHO) International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) Comprehensive Core Set for Deafblindness

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Objective: ***Finalize the 4-year process of reaching a consensus on ICF Core Sets for deafblindness***

Participants: 26 experts on deafblindness, including deafblind individuals, family members of persons with deafblindness, health and social service provider, and policy decision-makers

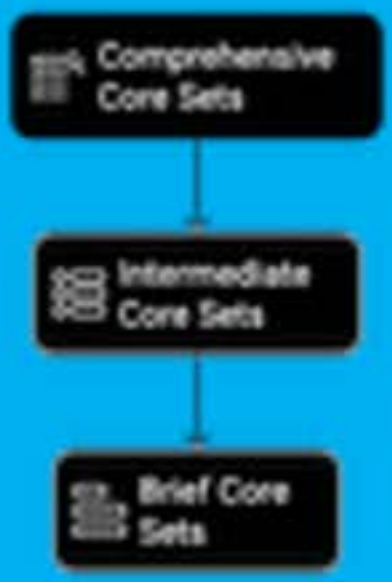
Methodology:

Step 1: on-line consensus vote
Step 2: in-person discussion and consensus vote on select codes that were not agreed upon during Step 1 (66% agreement)

Data sources of discussed codes:

- Systematic literature review
- Interviews/focus groups with individuals with deafblindness and their families
- Survey with field experts
- Multi-site clinical assessment study

The first versions of the Comprehensive WHO ICF Core Sets for deafblindness are now available online:



The Comprehensive Core Set (218 codes) provides a detailed list of all key factors to assess or manage deafblindness, supporting thorough care and policy planning.

The Intermediate Core Set (137 codes) summarizes the Comprehensive Core Set by grouping all its items into a more concise list, facilitating interprofessional communication.

The Brief Core Set (33 codes) is a concise version that highlight only the most essential areas for quick and efficient individual clinical evaluation.

ACCESS TO AUDIO-DESCRIPTION

Representatives from all six regions of the WHO participated in the international consensus process in Cala Font, Spain in October 2024

Each individual unresolved category was voted by the participants.

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