Introduction to International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) and Recommendations for its Application in Disability Evaluations in Taiwan

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According to the Protection Act for Rights and Interests of (Physically and Mentally) Disabled Citizen promulgated in 2007, the disability evaluation in 2012 have to be based on the coding and qualifier framework of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) to ascertain the functional needs of persons with disabilities. This article introduces concept, history, coding system, and core sets of ICF as well as the current status of ICF application in Taiwan. Finally, the authors also propose some recommendations to promote the application of ICF in Taiwan. (FJPT 2009;34(5):310-318)

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