International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health- Children and Youth Version: Introduction to Framework, Coding, and Environmental Factors

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The World Health Organization published the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health - Children and Youth Version (ICF-CY) in 2007 for documenting and measuring health and disability in children and youth. The concepts of framework and coding rules of ICF-CY were first introduced to the readers for promoting the use of the ICF-CY in practice. Since there is strong relationship between environment and child development, providing the coding rules of ICF-CY would be helpful for clinician in assessment and intervention. The main purposes of this article were to introduce the ICF-CY categories of environmental factors, the coding rules of environment and its relationships with activity and participation, and the measure available in Taiwan for assessing the environment for children and their psychometric properties. Hope the researchers and clinicians would know the ICF-CY, especially the environmental factors, by this introduction. The knowledge of ICF-CY would help with establishing the norm of environmental factors during childhood in Taiwan, exploring the environmental factors for child development, and then providing more evidence on early intervention. (FIPT 2009;34(6):394-409)

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