

Using Socrates to keep a log of contraceptive procedures carried out

Step 1 – Coding your procedure

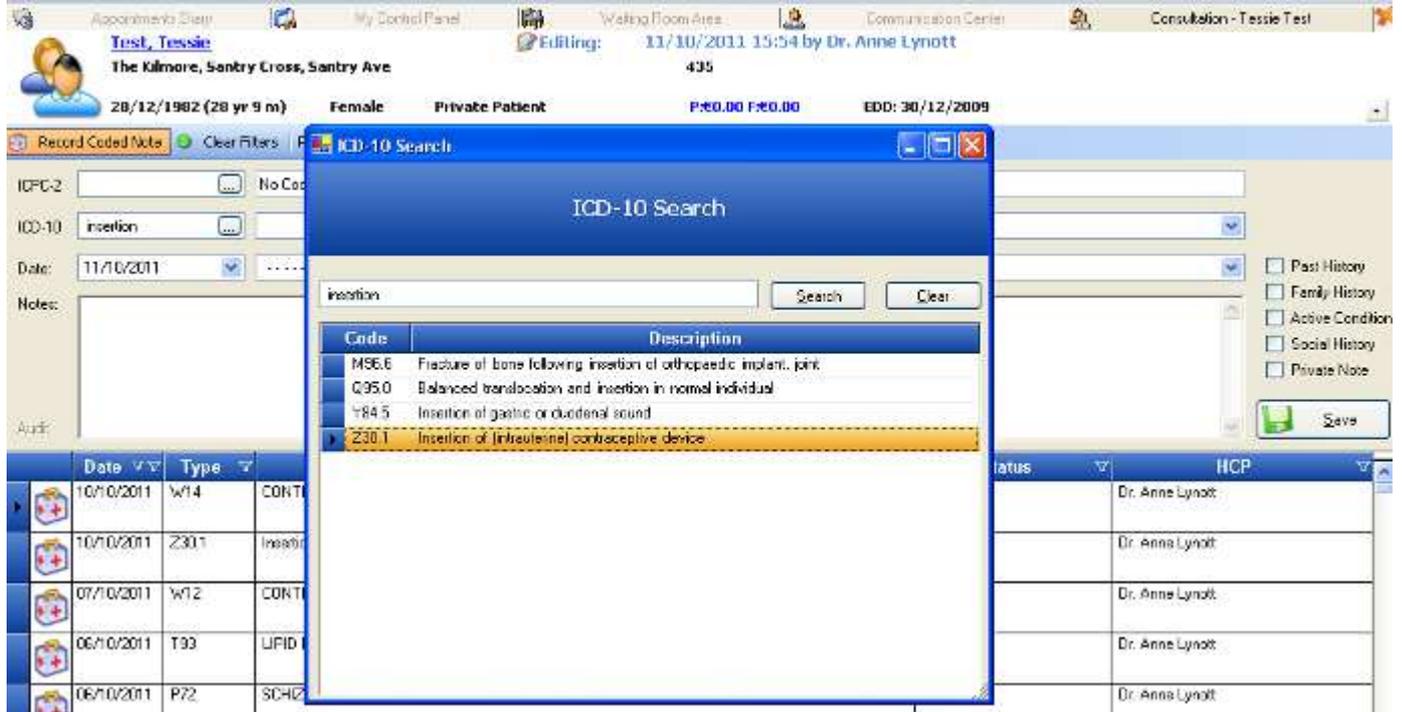
- The key to retrieving information efficiently within practice management systems is to use codes.
- Applying an appropriate code to a procedure such as a Mirena insertion or progesterone implant allows the system to manage that information more efficiently.
- Certified practice management systems in Ireland use either ICPC-2 or ICD 10 coding systems (or both). Both have a variety of codes that can be used for the various types of procedures which are necessary for the advanced certificate in contraception.
- The following are among the options for the insertion of a Mirena device

ICD Codes		Free text
Z30.1	Insertion of (intrauterine) contraceptive device	Mirena
ICPC-2		
W12	Contraception Intrauterine	Mirena
W14	Contraception Other	Mirena
-49	Other preventative procedure	Mirena insertion

- Coding is best carried out at the time the procedure is being carried out.
- Above the consultation note box are the sections for coding ICD-10 and ICPC -2 codes

The screenshot shows the Socrates software interface for a consultation note. At the top, it displays patient information for 'Test, Tessie', including her address, date of birth (28/12/1982), gender (Female), and patient status (Private Patient). The date of the consultation is 07/10/2011. Below this, there are fields for ICPC-2 and ICD-10 coding. The ICPC-2 field is currently empty with the text 'No Code Selected'. The ICD-10 field is also empty. To the right of the ICD-10 field, there are checkboxes for 'Past History', 'Family History', 'Active Condition', 'Social History', and 'Private Note'. At the bottom right, there is a 'Save' button.

- Type in the word 'insertion' as shown below in the ICD- 10 code box and click the button on the right hand side of the code box. This causes the 'ICD-10 Search' box to appear. Double click on the desired code. In this case 'Z30.1 Insertion of (intrauterine) contraceptive device'



- The 'ICD-10 Search' box will then close and you will return to the consultation notes view. In the notes box it would be useful to type in "Mirena" to indicate it was a Mirena insertion rather than another type of device. Finally save the note.

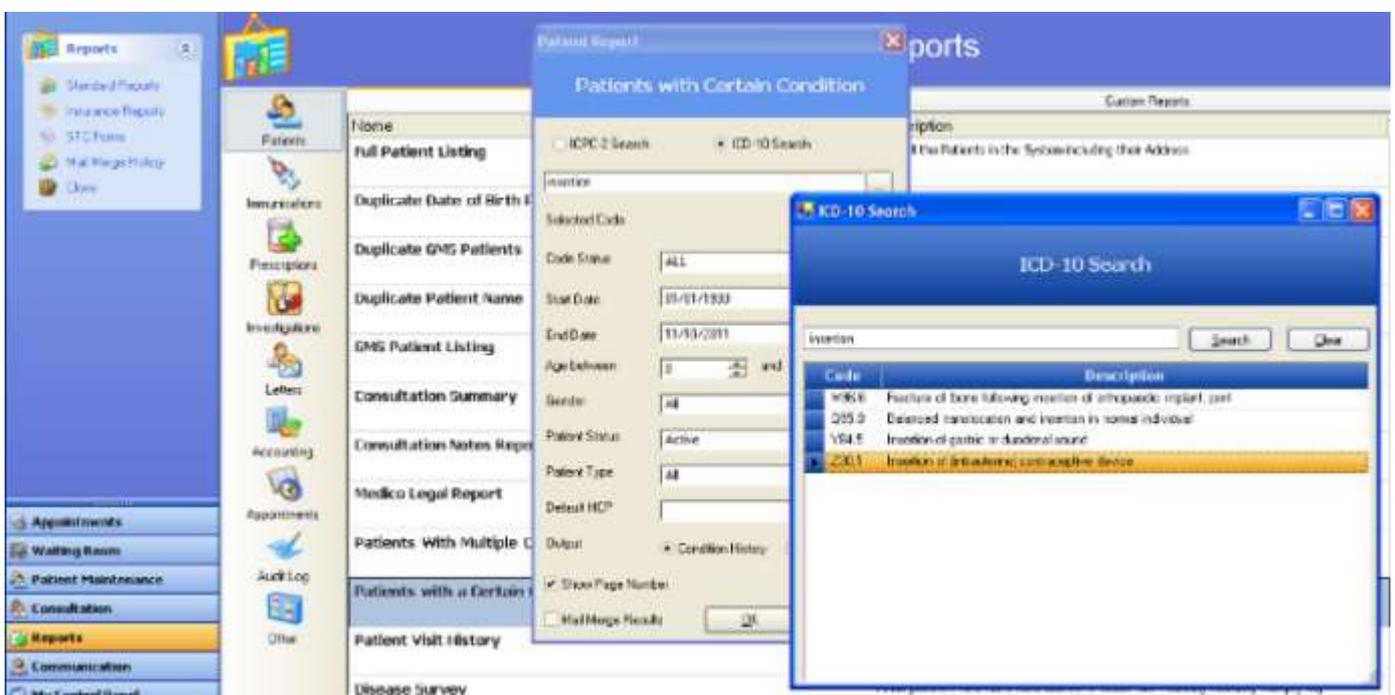


Step 2 – Generating your report

- Finding the names and details of patients you have carried out any contraceptive procedures on should be relatively straight forward once you have coded them all in the same way.
- To generate a list of patients you have inserted Mirena coils on, click on the “Reports” tab on the left hand side, then select ‘Patients’, next double click ‘Patients with a Certain Condition’



- A new search box called ‘Patients with certain condition’ appears. Select the ‘ICD-10’ search. Type in ‘Insertion’ (or ‘Z30.1’) in the search box as shown below. This causes the ‘ICD-10 Search’ box to appear. Double click on the desired code. In this case ‘Z30.1 Insertion of (intrauterine) contraceptive device’. This closes the ‘ICD-10 Search’ box and brings you back to the ‘Patients with certain condition’ search box.



- In the 'Patients with certain condition' search box you can select several variables to modify your search. For example you can choose a start date and an end date which permits you to create a date range within which you want to search for Mirena insertions.
- The age range and gender can be left unchanged in this case.
- Finally click the "Ok" button which will generate a list of patients who have had a Mirena coil inserted in the date range you have chosen. (It is also possible to send a standard letter to the patients generated on this list by selecting the Mail Merge option before clicking 'ok')

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