

Using Socrates to keep a log of contraceptive procedures carried out

Step 1 – Coding your procedure

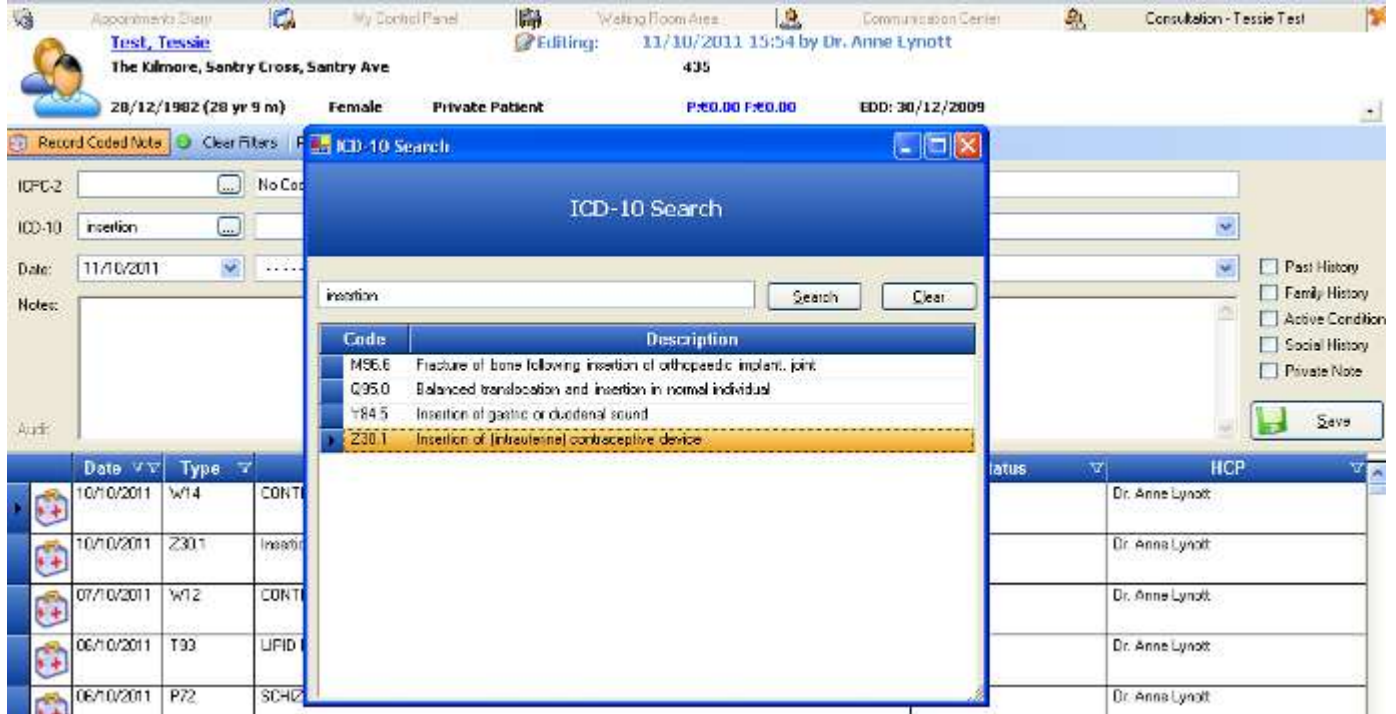
- The key to retrieving information efficiently within practice management systems is to use codes.
- Applying an appropriate code to a procedure such as a Mirena insertion or progesterone implant allows the system to manage that information more efficiently.
- Certified practice management systems in 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: 'Test, Tessie', 'The Kilmore, Santry Cross, Santry Ave', '28/12/1982 (28 yr 9 m)', 'Female', 'Private Patient', 'P:€0.00 F:€0.00', and 'EDD: 30/12/2009'. The note is being edited by 'Dr. Anne Lynott' on '07/10/2011 15:09'. Below the patient information, there are buttons for 'Record Coded Note', 'Clear Filters', 'POMR Group', 'Save Note', 'Clear Note', and 'Search'. The coding section includes fields for 'ICPC-2' (currently 'No Code Selected'), 'ICD-10' (with a search button on the right), 'Date' (set to '07/10/2011'), and 'Notes'. On the right side, there are checkboxes for 'Past History', 'Family History', 'Active Condition', 'Social History', and 'Private Note'. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the coding section.

- 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.

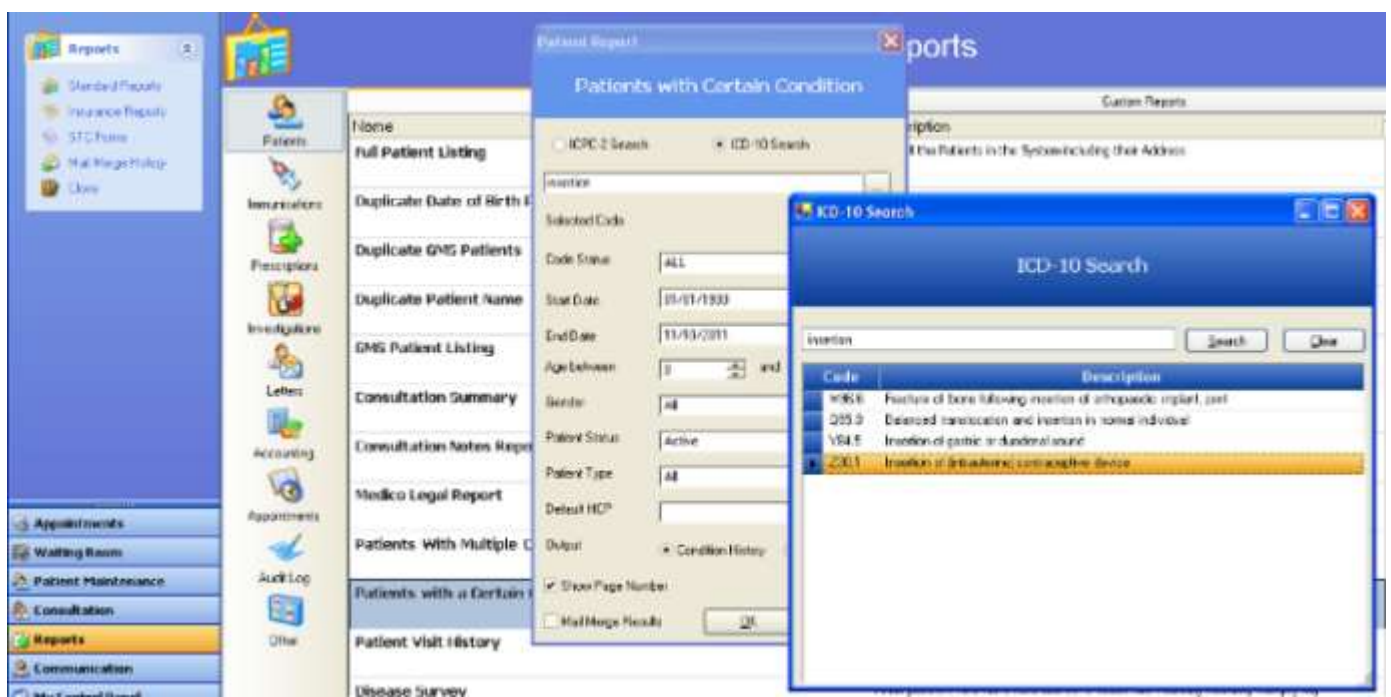


Step 2 – Generating your report

- 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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