



American Society for
Transplantation and Cellular Therapy

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National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)
ICD-10 Coordination & Maintenance Committee
Via email to: nchsicd10CM@cdc.gov

Re: ASTCT comments on the September 12-13, 2023 ICD-10-CM diagnosis coding meeting

Dear Ms. Bullock, and NCHS staff:

The American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (ASTCT) is a professional membership association of more than 3,000 physicians, scientists, and other healthcare professionals who promote blood and marrow transplantation and cellular therapy through research, scholarly publication, and clinical standards. We are dedicated to improving the application and success of hematopoietic cell transplants (HCT) and cellular therapies such as Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cell (CAR-T) therapy. Ensuring that appropriate diagnosis codes are available to accurately capture the diagnoses treated by these therapies, as well as the complications that may result, is important to the society. As the field of hematology continues to advance, so too does the need for additional codes to capture specific diagnoses.

As a result, we request that the NCHS to finalize the American Society of Hematology's (ASH) new code request for the Duffy phenotype, as presented during the September 13, 2023 ICD-10 Coordination & Maintenance (C&M) Committee meeting on diagnosis coding

ASH's request would add the ability to code for the Duffy status of a patient as Duffy null, Duffy a positive, Duffy b positive, or both Duffy a and b positive. In the proposal presented at the meeting, the request stated that specific codes would help document the Duffy status for patients in a consistent and longitudinal matter. We agree with this, and support the proposal, and ask the NCHS to finalize the creation of these new diagnosis codes for FY 2025.

The ASTCT thanks the NCHS for the opportunity to present these comments and if you have questions, please contact: Alycia Maloney, Director of Government Relations for the ASTCT at (202) 367-1254 or amaloney@astct.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. A. P." followed by a horizontal line.

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