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PATIENTS. PRIMARY CARE. MEDICAL PROFESSION. FORENSIC MEDICINE

PATIENTS AND PATIENT CARE

Use for the patient in community settings, the outpatient and the hospital patient.
Classify works on particular groups of patients with the specialty concerned where possible, e.g.
hospitalised child in WS, psychiatric patient in WM

- 4 Patients. Hospitalisation. General works. Include overseas visitors seeking health care.
For patient safety see WA55
- 5 Social consequences of being ill. Include cost of illness (to the patient) and quality of life but see WM70 for quality of life in mental illness
- 7 Psychology of illness. Attitudes to health/illness. Illness behaviour. Malingering. Factitious disorders. This number is for the individual's attitude.
See WLM 925 for psychology in relation to medicine. WM97 for hypochondria;
W250 for social attitudes to health and illness
- 9 Psychological aspects of hospitalisation
- 10 Admission. Reception. Discharge procedures
See WY110 for nursing aspects of patient discharge. WX360 for documentation and medical records
- 12 Organisation of the patient's day
See WX520 for administration of clinic waiting times
- 14 Patients' property
- 15 Clothing
- 20 Environmental factors for patients, e.g. noise, privacy, mixed wards etc.
- 30 Visiting of patients in hospital
- 40 Spiritual care. Work of the hospital chaplain
- 50 Recreation, education and amenities for patients. Education is for continuation of the formal educational process in hospital.
See W600-650 for education of patients in health matters

- 55 Patient safety. Accidents to patients in hospital
See WA229 for malpractice
- 60 Violent patients
See WM38 for psychiatric patients
- 70 Patient participation. Compliance, satisfaction, professional-patient relations. Include consumer participation and consultation in health planning. Include patient drop-outs, non-compliance and non-attendance
For advance directives relating to resuscitation, living wills etc use WA260. For mental competence use WLM33. For consent to treatment, including involvement in decisions on treatment use WA77. For self-help groups see W650. For physician-patient relations see WA270; for nurse-patient relations see WY150; for dentist-patient relations see WU61. See WM65 for this concept in the mentally ill
- 75 Patient rights. Include general guides to NHS for consumers and patients. Patients Charter, PALS
See WX365 for access to medical records
- 77 Consent to treatment. Informed consent. Include parental consent for treatment of children. Involvement of patients in decisions relating to their treatment. Include treatment refusal
For living wills, advance directives related to resuscitation etc use WA260. Use WM33 for committal or "sectioning" of the mentally ill
- 80 Patient advocacy. Include legal guardianship
See WM65 for mental illness; WM835 for learning disability. HV118 for social work.
- 82 Patient choice. Consumer/client choice. Include the 'informed patient', the 'expert patient'. Patient-centred diagnosis. Medical tourism
For self-help groups see W650
- 84 Complaints. Complaints procedures
- 85 Health Service Commissioner. Work and reports
- HEALTH AND HEALTH PROBLEMS OF SPECIFIC GROUPS**
Classify works on specific diseases with the specialty
- 90 Ethnic groups
Include communication with non-English speaking patients
- 92 Religious groups, e.g. Jehovah's Witnesses
- 94 Travelling people. Gypsies. Include homeless persons.
See HM222 for sociological aspects. See HV910 for social aspects of homelessness

- 96 Immigrants. Refugees. Asylum seekers. Migrant workers
- 97 Health of prisoners
See HM530-90 for sociological aspects of prisoners and penology. See WA288 for prison doctors. See WY274 for prison nursing. See WM31 for prison psychiatry
- 99 Men's health.
For health promotion campaigns see W560. Classify diseases only suffered by men with the disease, e.g. testicular cancer at WJ858

PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY CARE

COMMUNITY CARE

- 100 Community care. Community Health Services. Use for works that deal with both health and social services
See HV for social services only
- 101 Community care and community health services legislation
- 102 Community care plans
- 103 Multi-professional working between health and social care only.
See HV120 for multi-professional working within social services only.
Do not use for other aspects of multi-professional working; see relevant profession;
WA150 for the primary care team or WA460 for general multi-professional teams
- 105 Community hospitals. GP beds in hospitals
- 108 Family practitioner committees. FHSAs

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE. GENERAL PRACTICE

Classify works on Primary Care Trusts and Primary Care Groups in WX116
and NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups at WX145

- 111 History. Include history of primary care and general practice
- 113 Dictionaries. Encyclopaedias
- 120 Research in Primary Care and General Practice. Research design. Include research to support evidence-based practice, including works for general practitioners
- 125 Legislation in primary care

- 126 NHS Walk-in Centres. NHS Direct. Emergency hotlines
- 127 Health services. Health centres. Group practices. Surgeries. Clinics
- 128 Service planning. List size. Health needs assessment in primary care.
See WA140 for duty rotas; WA 142 for locum and agency work. See WX140 for general works on health needs assessment
- 129 Design and use of primary care facilities
- 130 Management and administration. Practice management. General works
- 131 Clinical governance. Quality assurance. Audit in primary care
See WA155 for audit in general practice, WA217 for other medical audit, WX176 for clinical audit
- 132 Financial aspects in primary care.
Include GP remuneration and contracts. Practice budgets. Capitation fees
GP fund-holding. See WX145 for Clinical Commissioning Groups
- 133 Personnel management in primary care
- 134 Practice administrators. Receptionists. Secretaries
- 135 Use of computers, IT and telecommunications technology in primary care
- 136 Medical records in primary care. Include age-sex registers. Include use of patient data for research
- 138 Appointment systems in primary care. Include non-attenders.
See WX212 for general works; see WX520 for outpatient departments; see WA70 for non-attenders in general
- 140 Duty rotas. Include unsocial hours, night calls, out of hours services, etc
See WA241 for conditions of service in general medicine
- 142 Locum and agency work in primary care
- 150 Primary health care. The primary health care team. Include skill mix, multidisciplinary teams, shared care, etc
See WA103 for multi-professional working with social care. See also specific profession and WA460 for general multi-professional teams.
- 151 General multidisciplinary works aimed at the primary health care team as a whole,

e.g. 'Textbook of Primary Care', but prefer to classify with subject where possible
See WB75 for popular medical works

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

- 152 General practice. General practitioners
See WB100 for clinical medicine, diagnosis and therapeutics in general. See WA130-142 for administrative and financial aspects, including GP contract. Classify works on specific diseases with the specialty. See HV128 for general practice social work. Use HV112 for counselling in general practice
- 154 Education and training. Include MRCGP and multiple choice papers
- 155 Continuing Professional Development (CPD). Include GP audit, e.g. Significant Event Audit (SEA). Include appraisal of GPs.
For primary care audit see WA131
- 156 GP-patient relations. Consultation. Communication skills.
See WA270 for doctor-patient relationships in general
- 158 Referral. Liaison with hospitals
- 160 GP liaison with other bodies, e.g. social services departments

NURSING IN COMMUNITY AND PRIMARY CARE.

- 161 Primary health nursing. General works
Include nurse practitioners in primary health care
- 162 GP Practice nursing.
Do not use for works on nurse practitioners, use WY240.
- 164 Community nursing. District nursing. Include public health nursing
- 166 Education and training
- 168 Health visitor. Health visiting
- 170 Education and training
- 180 Other community nursing services. Continuity of patient care
Include liaison nursing. After care. Hospital at home. Community rehabilitation services

INFORMAL CARERS

- 190 Informal care and carers. Relatives. Child carers etc
See WY118 for Orem's self-care model of nursing. Classify specific group with its group e.g. WB690 for physical disability, WT180 for elderly. See also WB327 for self care; see WB340 for self-administration of drugs

MEDICINE AS A PROFESSION

- 200 Medicine as a profession. General works
See WB for the practice of medicine. See W250-70 for medical sociology
- 201 Interviewing techniques for the medical profession in their careers (candidate perspective).
For works on interviewing in the NHS from the interviewer's perspective see WX420; for works on employment interviews in general (not in the NHS) see HM225
- 202 Careers in medicine
Classify with the specialty where possible
- 203 Careers in medicine outside the UK
- 205 Medical manpower planning. Include locums in hospitals.
See WX400-480 for workforce in general. See WX162 for strategic workforce planning in the NHS and WY64 for nursing workforce. Use WA142 for locums in primary care
- 206 Medical education. General works only
Classify with a specialty where possible. Classify educational materials for teaching and study of general medicine (e.g. MRCP) in WB18
- 208 Undergraduate education. Include premedical education i.e. courses undertaken in order to enter a medical degree course
- 210 Medical schools. University Departments
- 212 Postgraduate education
- 214 Postgraduate institutes. Postgraduate teaching hospitals
- 216 Postgraduate medical centres. Include design and administration
See WX549 for multidisciplinary education centres

- 217 Continuing Professional Development (CPD). In-service training. Include medical audit. Include appraisal
See WA155 for CPD and appraisal in general practice; WA227 for professional competence; WX176 for clinical audit. WX131 for audit in primary care - classify audit of a specialty with the specialty
- 218 Legislation on medical practice only
See WA300 for forensic medicine
- 220 Discussion of laws on medical practice
- 222 Moderation of the profession. Registration and deregistration. General Medical Council
- 225 Registers. Directories, e.g. Medical Register
- 227 Liability and responsibility. Include the Medical Defence Union. Include professional competence and official enquiries into adverse incidents arising from the incompetence of individual doctors. Incompetence is a lack of the necessary skill, ability or qualifications to carry out a duty or procedure.
For GP appraisal use WA217. See WM34 for adverse incidents in mental health
- 228 Physician impairment. Medical fitness to practice. For works on illness, disability or addiction etc in physicians
- 229 Malpractice. Negligence in the medical profession. Malpractice is improper, careless, illegal or unethical practice
See WX180 for whistle-blowing and WA227 for incompetence.
- 230 Associations, e.g. British Medical Association
- 235 Junior doctors. Registrars. Approval of training posts. Rotations. Accreditation
- 237 Senior doctors and consultants
- 239 Management functions of hospital doctors. Non-clinical work of doctors. Role as clinical director
Classify clinical directorates at WX135
- 241 Recruitment and selection of medical staff. Conditions of service. Income. Hours of work. Pensions
See WX420 for personnel recruitment and selection in general; WY68 for recruitment and selection of nurses. See WA140-142 for hours of work in general practice
- 242 Special payments, e.g. merit awards, perquisites

MEDICAL ETHICS AND PHILOSOPHY

- 245 Medical philosophy
- 247 Medical humanities
- 250 Religion and medicine
See WA92 for patients from particular religious groups
- 255 Medical ethics. General works
Classify with the subject where possible, e.g. embryo research at QS690
- 260 Euthanasia. Passive euthanasia. Right to die. Advance directives. Living wills.
Resuscitation orders. Withholding treatment.
See WD456 and WO595 for resuscitation methods. See WD190 for enteral,
parenteral and tube feeding

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS OF DOCTORS

- 265 Professional relationships. Include doctor-doctor relationships and doctor-other
professional relationships.
Put Local Medical Committees at WX116. See WA400-50 for other aspects of
multi-professional teams
- 270 Doctor-patient relationships. Include works on communication skills for doctors
See WA156 for GP-patient relationships
- 275 Social relations of the doctor. Include family relations, doctors' wives etc.

SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF DOCTORS

- 280 Women doctors
See WZ100 for biographies
- 284 Military doctors
See also WB105 for military medicine
- 288 Prison doctors
See also WA97 for health of prisoners. See HM530 for sociological works on
prisoners. See WY274 for prison nursing. See WM31 for prison psychiatry
- 292 Overseas doctors in Britain
- 294 E.U. doctors in Britain. This number has not been used by SWIMS

FORENSIC SCIENCES

The branches of science and medicine concerned with the production of evidence in order to determine the cause of a death, the identity of a criminal etc.
(Chambers Concise Dictionary)

- 300 Forensic medicine. General works
See WA220 for discussion of laws. See WM700-70 for forensic psychiatry
- 301 Societies in forensic sciences
- 302 Medico-legal dentistry. Forensic dentistry
- 310 Medical testimony. Expert testimony
- 311 History of forensic sciences
- 313 Dictionaries and encyclopaedias in forensic sciences
- 315 Coroners Courts. Duties of coroners
- 318 Education in forensic sciences
- 320 Medico-legal examination. Forensic pathology. Include examination of evidential material and environment. Include examination of living suspects and victims.
See WN270 for forensic radiography
- 325 Legal establishment of death. Time of death
For legal establishment of beginning of life see HQ170
- 328 Determination of cause of death. Sudden death. Medico-legal autopsy.
See WS822 for sudden infant death; see QZ35 for post-mortems
- 350 Other forensic sciences. Include here works on forensic chemistry, forensic anthropology, forensic toxicology, forensic genetics

DISABILITY EVALUATION. COMPENSATION

- 355 Medico-legal aspects of compensation to victims of criminal violence
See HM426 for general works on compensation for victims
- 370 Medico-legal aspects of occupational disease and injury
See W370 for general works on occupational accidents; see W380 for general works on compensation for occupational disease

MULTI-PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

- 400 General works on multi-professional relations. Include works on more than 2 professions at once
See also specific numbers for doctors' relationships WA265-75; nurse-patient relations WY150; dentist-patient relations WU61
- 420 Multi-professional undergraduate education. Works on education of different health professionals in the same group
- 440 Multi-professional postgraduate education
- 450 Continuing professional education of different health professions in the same group.
- 460 Multi-professional and team working. General works.
See WA103 for the health and social care team; WA150 for the primary care team and specific specialties for team working in the specialty