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charlson\_rcs

Charlson Comorbidities (Royal College of Surgeons)

# Description

Index

Specification of the Charlson comorbidity index in the version of the Royal College of Surgeons (2010).

# Usage

charlson\_rcs

# **Format**

An object of class spec\_tbl\_df (inherits from tbl\_df, tbl, data.frame) with 124 rows and 2 columns.

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#### **Details**

The specification can be expanded using the icd\_expand function to return all corresponding ICD-10-GM codes.

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This table was created on the basis of the publication referenced below. It is provided as is with no guarantee of accuracy. Furthermore, the applicability of the codes in the context of the German ICD-10-GM is unclear.

Condition Disease entity

ICD\_SPEC Secification of the corresponding ICD-10 codes, suitable for input to icd\_expand

#### **Source**

doi:10.1002/bjs.6930

#### See Also

Other Charlson: charlson\_sundararajan

charlson\_sundararajan Charlson Comorbidities (Sundararajan)

# **Description**

Specification of the Charlson comorbidity index in the version of Sunhararahan et al. (2004).

### Usage

charlson\_sundararajan

#### **Format**

An object of class spec\_tbl\_df (inherits from tbl\_df, tbl, data.frame) with 17 rows and 3 columns.

#### **Details**

The specification can be expanded using the icd\_expand function to return all corresponding ICD-10-GM codes.

This table was created on the basis of the publication referenced below. It is provided as is with no guarantee of accuracy. Furthermore, the applicability of the codes in the context of the German ICD-10-GM is unclear.

Condition Disease entity

Weight Controbition of the disease entity towords the combined comorbidity index

ICD\_10\_AM Secification of the corresponding ICD-10 codes, suitable for input to icd\_expand

get\_icd\_history

### **Source**

```
doi:10.1016/j.jclinepi.2004.03.012
```

# See Also

Other Charlson: charlson\_rcs

get\_icd\_history

Get ICD history metadata

# Description

A utility function to query the icd\_meta\_transition table.

# Usage

```
get_icd_history(years = NULL, icd3 = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

years Year or years to get (numeric or character vector)

icd3 (optional) ICD codes to select (regular expression, matched exactly using grep)

# **Details**

Returns a data frame with ICD transition history, consisting of year, ICD code and label. Optional arguments allow selection of entries by year or ICD code. This is beneficial because the entire history is relatively large and rarely required in full.

#### Value

```
data.frame, see icd_hist
```

```
get_icd_history(years = 2009:2010, icd3 = "K52")
```

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| Get or query ICD-10 labels | get_icd_labels |
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# Description

A utility function to get or query icd\_meta\_codes, returning a limited selection of ICD-10 codes and labels.

### Usage

```
get_icd_labels(year = NULL, icd3 = NULL, search = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

| year   | Year or years to get (numeric or character vector)                                 |
|--------|--|
| icd3   | A character vector of three-digit ICD-10 codes to select                           |
| search | (optional) A string to search for in the label column using fuzzy matching (agrep) |
|        | (optional) Further arguments passed to agrep when searching with icd_label         |

# **Details**

If an ICD code is provided as argument icd3, all corresponding codes and subcodes are returned. If a search term is provided, all codes are returned whose label matches the string approximately.

Returns a data frame with ICD metadata, consisting of year, ICD code and label. Optional arguments allow selection of entries by year, code or label. This is beneficial because the entire history is relatively large and rarely required in full.

#### Value

```
data.frame(year, icd3, icd_code, icd_normcode, icd_sub, label), see icd_labels
```

```
get_icd_labels(year = 2019, icd3 = "I25")
get_icd_labels(year = 2019, search = "Asthma")
```

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| icd_browse | Lookup a 3-digit ICD-10-GM code in the official BfArM browser |
|------------|---|

# **Description**

Given a 3-digit ICD-10-GM code, this function will generate the URL of the corresponding page of the BfArM ICD-10-GM browser, and use browseURL() to open it.

# Usage

```
icd_browse(icd3, year = NULL, open_browser = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

icd3 3-digit ICD-10-GM code (e.g. "A01")

year ICD-10-GM version (default: most recent available version). Only works for

year >= 2009.

open\_browser Whether to open the ICD-10-GM documentation in the default browser (Default:

TRUE, as this is the primary intention of the function)

#### **Details**

This currently provides the correct URL for ICD-10-GM versions from 2009. Given that BfArM are still using the old dimdi.de domain for this purpose, it is possible that the URL schema will change in the near future.

This is a convenience function intended for interactive use.

### Value

Called for side-effect, but returns the URL invisibly icd\_search() to search for a string in the ICD-10-GM labels icd\_lookup() to lookup an ICD-10-GM code in the console

```
icd_browse("R50", open_browser = FALSE)
```

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icd\_expand

Expand list of ICD codes to include all possible subcodes

# **Description**

The function icd\_expand takes a data.frame containing ICD codes and optional metadata as input. It returns a data.frame containing all ICD codes at or below the specified level of the hierarchy (e.g. the specification "E11" is expanded to include all three, four and five-digit codes beginning with E11).

# Usage

```
icd_expand(
  icd_in,
  year,
  col_icd = "ICD",
  col_meta = NULL,
  type = "strict",
  ignore_icd_errors = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

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year ICD 10 version

col\_icd Column of icd in containing ICD codes (Default: ICD)

col\_meta (Optional) Columns containing meta information to retain (e.g. Grouper, age or

other criteria for later use). If left NULL, only col\_icd is retained.

type A character string determining how strictly matching should be performed, passed

to icd\_parse. This must be one of "strict" (str contains a ICD code with no extraneous characters), bounded (str contains an ICD code with a word boundary on both sides) or weak (ICD codes are extracted even if they are contained

within a word, e.g. "E10Diabetes" would return "E10"). Default: strict.

ignore\_icd\_errors

logical. Whether to ignore incorrectly specified input (potentially leading to incomplete output) or stop if any ICD specification does not correspond to a

valid ICD code. Default: FALSE, stop on error.

#### Value

data.frame with columns YEAR, ICD\_CODE, ICD\_COMPRESSED, ICD\_LABEL and, if specified, columns specified by col\_meta

### See Also

icd\_history() to historize the output

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# **Examples**

```
# Incomplete or non-terminal codes expand to the right.
# This is useful to specified code blocks in a compact manner
icd_meta <- data.frame(ICD = "R1")
icd_expand(icd_meta, year = 2019)

# Optional metadata columns can be carried
# through with the specification
icd_meta <- data.frame(ICD = "M54", icd_label = "Back pain")
icd_expand(icd_meta, year = 2019, col_meta = "icd_label")</pre>
```

icd\_history

Historize a list of ICD codes to cover the specified years

# **Description**

The function icd\_history takes the result of icd\_expand, specified for a particular year, and returns a data.frame containing all corresponding codes for the specified years (from 2003). To do this, it applies the ICD-10-GM transition tables to map codes between successive ICD-10-GM versions. Only automatic transitions are followed.

#### Usage

```
icd_history(icd_expand, years, custom_transitions = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

icd\_expand A data.frame (e.g. as generated by the function icd\_expand)

years Years to historize (e.g. 2005:2014)

custom\_transitions

(Optional) A data.frame containing custom transitions to complement the official transitions provided by icd\_meta\_transition.

# Value

data.frame with columns YEAR, ICD\_CODE, ICD\_COMPRESSED, ICD\_LABEL and, if specified, DIAG\_GROUP #' @seealso icd\_expand() to generate the necessary input

```
# Between 2018 and 2019, causalgia (G56.4) was reclassified
# under G90 as a complex regional pain syndrome
icd_meta <- data.frame(ICD = "G56.4", ICD_LABEL = "Causalgia")
icd_meta_expanded <- icd_expand(icd_meta, year = 2018, col_meta = "ICD_LABEL")
icd_history(icd_meta_expanded, years = 2018:2019)</pre>
```

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| icd_lookup | Lookup an ICD-10 code in R |  |
|------------|----------------------------|--|
|            |                            |  |

# Description

This is a convenience function to quickly look up the label associated with one or more ICD-10 codes. By default, it performs the lookup using the most recent version of the ICD-10-GM available.

# Usage

```
icd_lookup(icd, year = NULL, expand = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

| icd | CD code to look up (any format that can be recognised by icd_pa | arse)  |
|-----|---|--------|
| icu | D couc to look up (ally format that can be recognised by red_pe | 11 3C/ |

year ICD-10-GM version to use (Default: most recent year available)

expand Should all subcodes of the given code be returned? (Default: TRUE)

# **Details**

This is a convenience function intended for interactive use. The browser will only be opened if R is being used interactively. The function always returns invisibly the URL of the page to be opened.

#### Value

A tibble with three columns: (year, icd\_sub, label) and one row for each result

# See Also

icd\_search() to search for a string in the ICD-10-GM labels icd\_browse() to lookup an ICD-10-GM code in the official BfArM documentation, opening the page in a browser

```
icd_lookup("E10.9")
```

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icd\_meta\_blocks

data.frame containing metadata for the ICD-10-GM code blocks

# **Description**

The ICD blocks (German: "Gruppen") constitute a level in the hierarchy between the chapters and the three-digit codes. The three-digit code are grouped in sequence to form 240 groups that represent similar aetiological diagnoses. Unlike some other grouper systems, the ICD blocks do not consider similar diagnoses from different chapters of the ICD classification, for example chronic pain coded as a unspecific symptom (R52.1) and as a somatoform disorder (F45.4).

# Usage

icd\_meta\_blocks

#### **Format**

An object of class data. frame with 4813 rows and 6 columns.

#### Details

```
year Year of validity (from 2004)

icd_block_first First three-digit ICD code in the block
icd_block_last Last three-digit ICD code in the block
chapter ICD-10 chapter to which the block belongs
block_label Label for the block
block_id Short label for the block in format "A00-A09"
```

### Source

The source data was downloaded from the official download centre of the German Institute for Medical Documentation and Information (DIMDI). See also https://www.dimdi.de/dynamic/en/classifications/icd/icd-10-gm/tabular-list/structure/

#### See Also

Other ICD-10-GM metadata: icd\_meta\_chapters, icd\_meta\_codes, icd\_meta\_transition

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icd\_meta\_chapters

data.frame containing metadata for the ICD-10-GM chapters

# **Description**

The ICD chapters group codes according to their aetiology.

# Usage

```
icd_meta_chapters
```

#### **Format**

An object of class data. frame with 440 rows and 4 columns.

#### **Details**

```
year Year of validity (from 2004)chapter Chapter number (arabic numerals)chapter_roman Chapter number (Roman numerals)chapter_label Label for the chapter
```

### **Source**

The source data was downloaded from the official download centre of the German Institute for Medical Documentation and Information (DIMDI). See also https://www.dimdi.de/dynamic/en/classifications/icd/icd-10-gm/tabular-list/structure/

### See Also

Other ICD-10-GM metadata: icd\_meta\_blocks, icd\_meta\_codes, icd\_meta\_transition

icd\_meta\_codes

data.frame containing metadata for all ICD-10-GM codes

# Description

DIMDI provide a CSV file with metadata on all valid codes. This table is read in with only minor modifications to facilitate changes between versions.

# Usage

```
icd_meta_codes
```

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#### **Format**

A data.frame containing the following variables:

year Year of validity (from 2004)

level Level of the hierarchy (3, 4 or 5 digits)

terminal Whether the code is a terminal code (i.e. with no further subcodes) (T: yes; N: no)

subcode\_type Whether the subcode is pre- or postcombinated (X: precombinated; S: postcombinated). Precombinated codes are listed directly under the three-digit ICD code, whereas postcombinated codes are lists of possible values for the fourth and fifth digits that are not specific to the particular code (e.g. the group E10-E14 shares a common list of postcombinated fourth and fifth digits)

chapter\_nr Chapter number (arabic digits 1-22)

icd\_block\_first First code in the respective ICD block, can be used to join with the table ICD10gm::icd\_meta\_blocks

**icd\_code** Full icd code (up to 7 characters) with all symbols except the "dagger" (for aetiological codes that can be combined with an "asterisk" code to denote the manifestation)

icd\_normcode The ICD "normcode", consisting of up to 6 characters and without all symbols except the period (e.g. E11.30)

icd\_sub Complete ICD code without any symbols or punctuation, consisting of up to 5 characters (e.g. E1130)

label ICD label for the complete code.

label\_icd3 ICD label for the three-digit ICD code.

label\_icd4 ICD label for fourth digit of the ICD code.

label\_icd5 ICD label for the fifth digit of the ICD code.

usage\_295 Usage of the code in the ambulatory sector (Paragraph 295 SGB V) (P: primary code;O: only as a "star" code in conjunction with a "dagger" code for aetiology; Z: only an optional"!" code in conjunction with a primary code; V: not to be used for coding)

usage\_301 Usage of the code in the stationary (hospital) sector (Paragraph 301 SGB V) (P: primary code; O: only as a "star" code in conjunction with a "dagger" code for aetiology; Z: only an optional "!" code in conjunction with a primary code; V: not to be used for coding)

mort\_list1 Key to join with the WHO mortality list 1

mort\_list2 Key to join with the WHO mortality list 2

mort\_list3 Key to join with the WHO mortality list 3

mort\_list4 Key to join with the WHO mortality list 4

morb list Key to join with the WHO morbidity list

**gender\_specific** Whether the diagnosis is gender specific (M: male; W: female; 9: Not gender specific)

**gender\_error\_type** Type of error implied by the field gender\_specific (9: irrelevant; K: possible error)

**age\_min** Minimum age for which the diagnosis is plausible (T001: from one day; Y005: from five years)

age\_max Maximum age for which the diagnosis is plausible (T010: up to 10 days; Y005: up to five years)

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rare\_in\_central\_europe Indicates whether the diagnosis is rare in Central Europe (J: yes; N: no)
code\_with\_content Indicates whether the code has content associated with it (J: yes; N: no, leads
to an error)

**notifiable** Indicates whether the diagnosis is notifiable in Germany (J: yes; N: no)

**notifiable\_lab** Indicates whether the diagnosis is notifiable for laboratories in Germany (J: yes; N: no)

### **Details**

This metadata is not suitable for operative coding and does not include all relevant information concerning the codes. For example, the file contains neither the inclusion and exclusion notes nor the detailed definitions (where present, mainly in Chapter V). DIMDI provide additional reference material for operative coding and detailed research.

The block U00-U49 contains reserved codes that can be allocated quickly for the documentation of new diseases or epidemiological phenomena. Such usage is allowed only when mandated by DIMDI. In particular, the codes may not be utilised on the initiative of other parties, for example, for clinical trials or contractual purposes. Notable uses of the reserved codes are for the Zika and COVID-19 viruses. These are included in the DIMDI online documentation, but not in the download files. They are therefore added manually to this data set as documented in the package source.

Die Schlüsselnummern U05.0-U05.9 dieser Kategorie sollen ein schnelles Reagieren auf aktuelle epidemiologische Phänomene ermöglichen. Sie dürfen nur zusätzlich benutzt werden, um einen anderenorts klassifizierten Zustand besonders zu kennzeichnen. Die Schlüsselnummern dieser Kategorie dürfen nur über das Deutsche Institut für Medizinische Dokumentation und Information (DIMDI) mit Inhalten belegt werden; eine Anwendung für andere Zwecke ist nicht erlaubt. DIMDI wird den Anwendungszeitraum solcher Schlüsselnummern bei Bedarf bekannt geben.

#### Source

The source data was downloaded from the official download centre of the German Institute for Medical Documentation and Information (DIMDI). See also https://www.dimdi.de/dynamic/en/classifications/icd/icd-10-gm/tabular-list/#metadata

#### See Also

Other ICD-10-GM metadata: icd\_meta\_blocks, icd\_meta\_chapters, icd\_meta\_transition

icd\_meta\_transition data.frame detailling the changes in ICD-10-GM codes between versions

#### Description

A data frame providing old and new ICD codes (identical if no changes) and information as to whether the transition is automatic when transitioning forwards or backwards

icd\_parse

#### Usage

```
icd_meta_transition
```

#### **Format**

An object of class data. frame with 257310 rows and 12 columns.

#### **Details**

year\_from Year of validity of the old code (from 2004)

**year\_to** Year of validity of the new code (from 2005)

icd\_from Old ICD code

icd to New ICD code

automatic\_forward Whether the transition is automatic in the forward direction (i.e. the old code can always be converted to the new code). (A: automatic, otherwise NA)

automatic\_backward Whether the transition is automatic in the forward direction (i.e. the new code can always be converted to the old code) (A: automatic, otherwise NA)

change\_5 Whether the change relates to the fifth digit of the ICD-10 code (TRUE/FALSE).

change\_4 Whether the change relates to the fourth digit of the ICD-10 code (TRUE/FALSE).

change\_3 Whether the change relates to the three-digit ICD-10 code (TRUE/FALSE).

icd3 The first three digits of icd\_from.

**icd\_chapter** The first character of icd\_from (i.e. the letter denoting the chapter).

#### Source

The source data was downloaded from the official download centre of the German Institute for Medical Documentation and Information (DIMDI). See also https://www.dimdi.de/dynamic/en/classifications/icd/icd-10-gm/tabular-list/#crosswalks

#### See Also

Other ICD-10-GM metadata: icd\_meta\_blocks, icd\_meta\_chapters, icd\_meta\_codes

icd\_parse

Extract all ICD codes from a character vector

# Description

An ICD code consists of, at a minimum, a three digit ICD-10 code (i.e. one upper-case letter followed by two digits). This may optionally be followed by a two digit subcode, selected punctuation symbols (cross "\*", dagger "U2020" or exclamation mark "!"). Both the period separating the three-digit code from the subcode, and the hyphen indicating an "incomplete" subcode, are optional. Finally, in the ambulatory system, an additional letter G, V, Z or A may be appended to signify the status ("security") of the diagnosis.

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### Usage

```
icd_parse(str, type = "bounded", bind_rows = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

str Character vector from which to extract all ICD codes

type A character string determining how strictly matching should be performed. This

must be one of "strict" (str contains a ICD code with no extraneous characters), bounded (str contains an ICD code with a word boundary on both sides) or weak (ICD codes are extracted even if they are contained within a word, e.g.

"E10Diabetes" would return "E10"). Default: bounded.

bind\_rows logical. Whether to convert the matrix output of stirngi::stri\_match\_all to

a data.frame, with additional icd\_sub to uniquely represent the code and allow

lookup of the code

#### **Details**

By default, the function returns a data.frame containing the matched codes and the standardised three digit code (icd3), subcode (icd\_subcode), normcode (icd\_norm) and code without period (icd\_sub).

If bind\_rows = FALSE, the list output of stringi::stri\_match\_all\_regex is returned. This is particularly useful to retrieve the matches from each element of the str vector separately.

#### Value

```
data.frame (if bind_rows = TRUE) or matrix
```

### See Also

```
is_icd_code()
```

```
icd_parse("E11.7")
icd_parse("Depression: F32")
icd_parse(c(
   "Backpain (M54.9) is one of the most common diagnoses in primary care",
   "Codes for chronic pain include R52.1 and F45.4"
   ))
```

icd\_search

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Search ICD-10-GM labels for a string

# Description

Search ICD-10-GM labels for a string

# Usage

```
icd_search(pattern, level = 5, year = NULL, ignore.case = TRUE, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

| pattern     | String to search for (character object of length 1)  |
|-------------|--|
| level       | Maximum level of the ICD-10 hierarchy to search. level = 3 will search ohne 3-digit codes, level = 4 all 3 and 4 digit codes, level = 5 will search through all codes. |
| year        | Year in which to search (Default: most recent year available)  |
| ignore.case | Should the search be case insensitive? (Default: TRUE)   |
|             | Further parameters passed to agrep   |

# Value

Usually called for side-effect (open browser), returns the corresponding URL invisibly.

### See Also

icd\_browse() to lookup an ICD-10-GM code in the official BfArM documentation, opening the page in a browser icd\_lookup() to lookup an ICD-10-GM code in the console

```
icd_search("vitamin", level = 3)
icd_search("vitamin", level = 5)
```

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icd\_showchanges

Show historical changes to selected ICD-10-GM codes

# Description

Show all changes in ICD history relating to the 3-digit codes contained in the data.frame icd\_in. The output of icd\_expand can be passed directly to this function to display relevant changes.

# Usage

```
icd_showchanges(icd_in, years = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

icd\_in Data frame created by icd\_expand(), containing codes to check

years Years to check, corresponding to the variable year\_from in icd\_meta\_transition

#### Value

data.frame, as icd\_meta\_transition, with labels icd\_from\_label and icd\_to\_label

#### See Also

icd\_showchanges\_icd3() to provide one or more three-digit codes as input

# **Examples**

```
dat_icd <- icd_expand(
   data.frame(ICD_SPEC = c("K52.9")),
   col_icd = "ICD_SPEC",
   year = 2019)
icd_showchanges(dat_icd)</pre>
```

icd\_showchanges\_icd3

Show historical changes to selected three-digit ICD-10-GM codes

# Description

Show all changes in ICD history relating to the 3-digit codes contained in a given vector icd

# Usage

```
icd_showchanges_icd3(icd3)
```

is\_icd\_code

#### **Arguments**

icd3

Vector of three-digit ICD codes

#### Value

data.frame with columns YEAR, ICD\_CODE, ICD\_LABEL and, if specified, DIAG\_GROUP

#### See Also

```
icd_showchanges() if the input has been generated by icd_expand()
```

# **Examples**

```
icd_showchanges_icd3("A09")
```

is\_icd\_code

Test whether a string is a valid ICD code

# **Description**

An ICD code consists of, at a minimum, a three digit ICD-10 code (i.e. one upper-case letter followed by two digits). This may optionally be followed by a two digit subcode, selected punctuation symbols (cross "\*", dagger "U2020" or exclamation mark "!"). Both the period separating the three-digit code from the subcode, and the hyphen indicating an "incomplete" subcode, are optional. Finally, in the ambulatory system, an additional letter G, V, Z or A may be appended to signify the status ("security") of the diagnosis.

### Usage

```
is_icd_code(str, year = NULL, parse = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

str Character vector to be tested

year Year for which to test whether the specification is a valid code. Default: NULL

(test whether str matches a code from any year since 2003)

parse logical. Whether to first parse the input str using icd\_parse (Default: TRUE).

If FALSE, assumes that str is already formatted as icd\_sub (i.e. without sepa-

rating period or other punctuation)

#### Value

Logical vector the same length as the character input

### See Also

```
icd_parse()
```

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```
is_icd_code("A09.9")
is_icd_code("A099")
is_icd_code("A09.9-")

is_icd_code("AA9")

# The following code is syntactically correct but # has never been in use is_icd_code("E15.9")
```

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