

Estonia: Codes by ICD-10 for Hidden Suicides

1. (ICD10: Y10-Y34) Undetermined intent

Comment: This group is often added to suicides in calculating rates

Concerning groups below - needs clarification in every single case:

2. (ICD10: R98-R99) Ill-defined and unknown causes,

(R 98) Unattended death

(R99) Other ill-defined and unspecified causes of mortality

3. (R54) Senility (could hide elderly suicides)

We found at monitoring suicides attempts false choice of codes by physicians between X42, X45 and X62, X65, which leads to overdiagnosis of suicide attempts.