



Using eQuery for Home Care, Long-Term Care, NRS and OMHRS

eQuery is a web-based tool that allows clients of the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) to search a repository of questions and answers about clinical coding, data submission and reports related to our reporting systems and services. If you're unable to find an answer to your question using the search function, you can submit your question to CIHI using eQuery.

Accessing eQuery

- Go to cihi.ca/equery.
- Log in to your CIHI profile.
 - New users: Register for a username and password using the **Create a profile** feature on the login screen.
 - Forgot your username or password? Have it emailed to you using the **Forgot username** or **Forgot password** link on the login screen.
- Accept the terms and conditions of use.
- Select **eQuery** from the list of CIHI services.

Navigating eQuery

Once you've logged in to eQuery, you'll see 4 tabs: Search for Answer, Submit a Question, My Questions and Run a Report.





Job Aid

Search for Answer

Search the database for questions of a similar nature to yours that have already been answered.

Topic	Product
Home Care	interRAI CA; interRAI HC; RAI-HC
Long-term Care	interRAI LTCF; RAI-MDS 2.0
Completing the NRS/FIM® assessment	RMDSM
Ontario Mental Health Reporting System (OMHRS)	RAI-MH

- Choose your **topic**: Home Care, Long-term Care, Completing the NRS/FIM® assessment or OMHRS.
- **Product**: For questions under Home Care, choose interRAI CA, interRAI HC or RAI-HC. For questions under Long-term Care, choose interRAI LTCF or RAI-MDS 2.0. There is no product field for the National Rehabilitation Reporting System (NRS). The product field for OMHRS is auto-populated.
- **Keywords**: Enter the terms you're searching for.
- **Exact Match**: Remove the checkmark to get more search results.
- **Question Category**: If your question is about coding, select **Coding (Data Elements/Definitions)** to narrow the search results.
- **Province/Territory**: Select **All Provinces and Territories** to get more search results.
- **Language**: Select either **English** or **French** to search for answers in 1 language. Select **All** to include all answers in both languages.

eQuery

[Search for Answer](#)[Submit a Question](#)[My Questions](#)[Run a Report](#)

The eQuery search is optimized! With the help of all our partners, friends and colleagues the new eQuery search has been improved. You can expect more relevant results with our new **exact match** searching.

Too restrictive? Try our improved **smart search** by simply unchecking **exact match**.

Search for Answer

Please search our database to see whether your question has already been answered. If you don't find a similar answer, [submit your question](#).

Search by topic or enter a question number

Topic:

Please select

Please select

Case mix inpatient/ambulatory grouping methodologies, indicators and education

CIHI Portal

Classifications coding (CED-DxS, ICD-10-CA, CCI, Canadian Coding Standards)

Completing the NRS/FIM® assessment

Home Care

Inpatient/ambulatory abstracting and education (DAD & NACRS)

Long-term Care

Ontario Mental Health Reporting System (OMHRS)

Other (None of the above)

OR

Question Number:

Notice



Job Aid

Submit a Question

Submit a question to CIHI if you searched the database and did not find an answer to your question.

Refer to the steps in Search for Answer above for information on the drop-down menus.

Note: Once you submit your question, you'll receive a confirmation email with an ID number.

eQuery

Search for Answer Submit a Question My Questions Run a Report

Submit a Question

Select a topic and enter the required information to ask CIHI your question.

* Indicates a mandatory field

*Topic: Please select [View topic definitions](#)

Please select

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- Completing the NRS/FIM® assessment
- Home Care
- Inpatient/ambulatory abstracting and education (DAD & NACRS)
- Long-term Care
- Ontario Mental Health Reporting System (OMHRS)
- Other (None of the above)

Notice

The answers in eQuery respond to the information provided. Answers incorporate standards, specifications and may be revised.

Access Home Care and Long-Term Care Resources

In the **Submit a Question** tab, you can also access home care and long-term care resources. Once a topic has been selected, a hyperlink will appear that states before submitting a question, refer to available resources.

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Submit a Question

Select a topic and enter the required information to ask CIHI your question.

* Indicates a mandatory field

*Topic: Home Care [View topic definitions](#)

- [Before submitting a question via eQuery, please refer to the available resources.](#)



Job Aid

By clicking this link, you will automatically be taken to the eQuery landing page. Scroll down to “Refer to additional job aids and resources” and click the relevant interRAI assessment standard to open the applicable page.

eQuery clinical coding question service: What you need to know

eQuery is a web-based tool that allows CIHI's clients to search an existing repository of questions and answers about coding and other related topics.

The following outlines the steps you need to take before submitting clinical coding questions for home care, long-term care and the Ontario Mental Health Reporting System (OMHRS) to the Standards and Engagement department of the Specialized Care branch at CIHI.

Before submitting a clinical coding question in eQuery

Refer to your manual for the data element's intent, definition and guidelines

The manual is designed to be your primary reference, so checking it should be the first step in your coding process.

Refer to additional job aids and resources

In addition to the manuals, CIHI offers a variety of resources to help you with coding, particularly of challenging cases. These resources include reference guides, job aids and other tools. We recommend that you consult these before submitting any questions, as they may contain the information you need.

- [Home care: RAI-HC](#)
- [Home care: interRAI HC](#)
- [Home care: interRAI CA](#)
- [Long-term care: RAI-MDS 2.0](#)
- [Long-term care: interRAI LTCF](#)
- [OMHRS: RAI-MH](#)

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My Questions

View details about questions you have submitted using eQuery.

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My Questions

Click the question title to view the details of your question, to send more information or to communicate about an answer you have received. Can't find your question? Older questions may have been archived.

There are currently no questions to view.

Notice

The answers in eQuery respond to the information provided in the question submitted as well as to any additional information received by fax or attachment. Answers incorporate standards, specifications, research and input from other relevant resources. Please note the relevance of fiscal year or province/territory for some answers. Answers may be revised and/or archived as new information becomes available. eQuery v4.0.14



Job Aid

Run a Report

Select criteria to generate a list of answered or revised questions, or a list of all questions for a topic.

Refer to the steps in Search for Answer above for information on the drop-down menus.

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[Search for Answer](#)[Submit a Question](#)[My Questions](#)[Run a Report](#)

Run a Report

Select your criteria to obtain a PDF report of answered and/or revised questions from CIHI.

*Topic:

Please select

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[View topic definitions](#)

*Report Type:

Please select

▼

Product:

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Home Care

Province/Territory:

Inpatient/ambulatory abstracting and education (DAD & NACRS)
Long-term Care
Ontario Mental Health Reporting System (OMHRS)
Other (None of the above)

Date Range:

Last 30 Days

▼

Language:

English

▼

Run a Report

[Clear and start over](#)

Need help?

Email: help@cihi.ca

Phone: 613-241-5543

Help is available Monday to Friday (except statutory holidays) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET.

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