

# Getting Clinicians Involved: The Australian Experience

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## Abstract

*This paper explores the clinical changes that occurred following the introduction of casemix in Australia and more importantly how casemix classification systems and methodologies were influenced by clinicians. It highlights some of the important milestones, major events and key processes that were associated with the diffusion of Diagnosis Related Groups.*

*Clinical leadership was critical. This was achieved through the combined activities of clinicians working through various national committees and organisations including the Australian Casemix Clinical Committee, the National Centre for Classification in Health, the various Commonwealth and State health departments and the respective specialist colleges and associations. These combined activities delivered a clinically meaningful, state-of-the-art casemix classification underpinned by a coding and data collection system that is both sophisticated in terms of its ability to meet the needs of practicing clinicians as well as being technologically advanced.*

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