Subject selection and purpose of study
The National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH) is conducting a survey on clinical coding practice to help inform the strategies and resources needed to build clinical coder confidence and ensure integrity in their coding practice. We are contacting clinical coders via their CLIP registration and will also approach clinical coders at the HIMAA and NCCH national conference in Hobart on 31 October to 2 November 2018.

The NCCH values the clinical coder workforce and we really want to know what you think about current clinical coding practice. We encourage you to participate in completing this survey available through this link https://www.esurveycreator.com/s/Making-us-stronger-survey and would welcome your participation if you are attending the workshop in the morning of day 3 at the 2018 HIMAA and NCCH national conference in Tasmania.

The survey will close at 5.00 pm AEDT on Monday 29 October 2018.

Description of study
The survey instrument is in the form of a questionnaire that seeks to understand the pressures associated with clinical coding in hospitals and the barriers to ensuring confidence and integrity in clinical coding practice. It will also help inform key performance indicators for the clinical coding role. The results of this survey will highlight important areas for further discussion, commencing with focus groups at the 2018 HIMAA and NCCH national conference workshop – Making us stronger! Unpacking ACS 0002 and ACS 0010: Strategies, resources and confidence for good clinical coding practice.

We cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study.

Confidentiality and disclosure of information
Please note that this is not research, it is a professional practice activity. We plan to share the outcomes of the survey results and workshop activities (focus groups) via conferences and through the HIM Interchange. The survey is completely anonymous which means that you cannot be identified in the findings.

Financial Costs and Incentives
It is not anticipated that you will incur any additional costs (other than the cost of registration if you are attending the 2018 HIMAA and NCCH national conference) if you participate in this study. You will not receive any payment for participation in this study.

Your consent
By completing the survey and/or by participating in focus groups at the 2018 national HIMAA and NCCH conference workshop, you are providing your consent for the NCCH to use survey results and/or focus group outcomes in conference presentations, further focus group discussions and/or workshops. Your decision whether or not to participate will not prejudice your present or future relationship with the NCCH or any other institution cooperating in this study.
If you have any questions (before, during or after the survey closes and the workshop finishes), please feel free to email Vera Dimitropoulos at: vera.dimitropoulos@sydney.edu.au or contact her on 61 478 403 611 and she will be happy to answer them.

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This participant information sheet can be downloaded and kept by those participants agreeing to complete the survey and/or participate in the workshop activities at the 2018 HIMAA and NCCH national conference. Additional paper copies of the participant sheet will be available at the conference in Tasmania.