

## The website of the International Headache Classification ICHD-2

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**Background and Aims:** After publishing the second edition of the international headache classification (ICHD-2), a web-based version was developed. The aim was to make the entire classification available online, globally accessible.

**Methods:** The contents of the classification are presented in the internet at [www.ihs-classification.org](http://www.ihs-classification.org) and continuously updated. The main menu includes the manual for using the classification, the primary headaches, the secondary headaches and the cranial neuralgias. A sitemap and a comparison table allow the conversion of IHS into ICD codes and vice versa. A downloads section makes important IHS publications available. A search function can be used to search the entire classification for specific terms.

**Results:** Doctors across the globe use this website to look up classification criteria. The website offers the possibility of uploading the classification step by step and including it in different languages. So far, English, German and Italian versions are available.

**Conclusion:** The web-based version of the international headache classification is a modern approach to making the classification widely available, with advantages over print or simple computer file editions. It improves the practical usability and direct application of the headache classification for both clinical medicine and research.

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