



## COUNTDOWN TO ICNP® VERSION 2.0

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The vision for ICNP® is for it to be an integral part of the global information infrastructure, informing health care practice and policy to improve patient care worldwide. In this second *Countdown to Version 2.0*, we describe ways to participate in moving ICNP® toward that vision. We know many of you are already involved in ICNP® development, translation, and testing and we value your continued contributions. Participation in ICNP® can be through activities such as development and testing of ICNP® catalogues; concept validation integration and harmonization projects; evaluation; translation; and product development and implementation.

ICNP® related tools continue to be developed, implemented, and refined in support of the vision. The Version 1.1 browser made ICNP® more accessible and enabled automated downloading of ICNP® from anywhere in the world. The Version 2.0 browser will be even more user-friendly and we look forward to your feedback about the new browser after its release in June, 2009.

The Browser and Translation (BaT) tool, developed and managed by the ICNP® German Speaking User Group, is proving to be of great support for translation of ICNP® ([www.icn.ch/icnp\\_translations.htm](http://www.icn.ch/icnp_translations.htm)). The BaT, can manage your first translation and help you update your translation of new ICNP® versions and releases.

The ICNP® Workspace is another new tool that will allow those involved in concept or catalogue development to be an active participant on-line. The site is currently in beta testing and holds great promise for an improved platform for ICNP® activities, including mapping, catalogue development, and peer review of recommended changes to the terminology. See [www.clinicaltemplates.org](http://www.clinicaltemplates.org) for more information.

Through personal communications and monitoring of the ICNP® research and development projects ([www.icn.ch/database1.htm](http://www.icn.ch/database1.htm)), we are pleased to know that ICNP® is implemented in a number of care settings, with related research. In addition, several vendors are implementing ICNP® in their products and several countries are working toward making ICNP® the national standard for nursing. All of these efforts are critical for the quality and dissemination of ICNP® and for the use of its data for decision-making, resource management, and policy development worldwide.

We hope you enjoy learning about the upcoming ICNP® Version 2.0. Another *Countdown to Version 2.0* will be released next month.

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