

Dr. Santosh Kumar Guptha Highlights ICD-11 as the Future of Healthcare Data at MEDRECON 2026

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LOINC SKILLS.”**

Hyderabad, Telangana Feb 1, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - In a landmark moment for India's Health Information Management (HIM) community, **Dr. Santosh Kumar Guptha**, CEO of **Medesun Medical Coding Academy** and an internationally respected medical coding and compliance expert, presented a high-impact scholarly paper and delivered an influential address on **ICD-11 Coding and Implementation in India** at **MEDRECON 2026 – the Annual National Medical Records Conference**.

The prestigious conference was held at the **Silver Jubilee Auditorium, The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Guindy, Chennai**, and coincided with the **25th Silver Jubilee Anniversary of the Health Record Association of India (HERAI)**—celebrating 25 years of excellence in advancing Health Information Management across the nation.

ICD-11: A Strategic Imperative for India

In his presentation, Dr. Santosh Kumar Guptha emphasized that **ICD-11 is not merely a coding upgrade, but a transformational framework** designed to support modern healthcare systems, digital health ecosystems, accurate public health statistics, and global interoperability. He explained that ICD-11 is a **comprehensive, digitally native classification system** developed by the World Health Organization to meet the evolving needs of healthcare delivery, research, policy planning, and reimbursement.

To achieve accurate national health statistics, improve clinical documentation quality, and align with global healthcare standards, **every hospital, clinic, and healthcare institution must prepare for ICD-11 adoption.**

He highlighted that ICD-11 offers improved clinical specificity, modern medical terminology, post-coordination capability, and alignment with terminologies such as SNOMED CT—making it ideal for **AI-enabled healthcare, electronic health records, and population health analytics**.

Implementation, Readiness, and Workforce Upskilling

A key focus of Dr. Meriyala Santosh Kumar Guptha's address was **implementation readiness**. He stressed that successful ICD-11 adoption requires more than policy announcements—it demands **structured training, skilled professionals, leadership awareness, and institutional preparedness**.

He urged hospital leadership, including CEOs and CFOs, to view ICD-11 as an investment in **data accuracy, compliance, and long-term sustainability**, rather than a cost burden. Dr. Santosh Guptha also emphasized the crucial role of **medical coders and HIM professionals**, calling them the backbone of healthcare data integrity.

"Medical coders must upskill, update, and adapt," he said. "ICD-11 demands deeper clinical understanding, analytical thinking, and ethical coding practices. Those who prepare early will lead the future of healthcare documentation."

Strong National Participation and Leadership Presence

MEDRECON 2026 witnessed an overwhelming response, with **around 700 participants** attending the conference. The audience included **medical record professionals, hospital administrators, CEOs, CFOs, academic leaders, policymakers, and ministers**, reflecting the growing national focus on

health data quality and digital transformation.

The diverse participation highlighted the importance of ICD-11 not only for coders, but also for **healthcare governance, financial planning, epidemiology, and national reporting systems.**

Celebrating 25 Years of Health Information Management Excellence

The conference held special significance as the **Health Record Association of India celebrated its 25th Silver Jubilee Anniversary.** MEDRECON 2026 served as a platform to reflect on India's journey from **traditional paper-based medical records to advanced digital health systems.**

Sessions throughout the conference highlighted innovation, compliance, education, and the evolving role of HIM professionals in shaping healthcare outcomes. Dr. Guptha commended HRAI for its sustained contribution to the profession and its commitment to education, standards, and leadership.

"I congratulate the Health Record Association of India on 25 remarkable years of service to the HIM community," Dr. Santosh Guptha said. "This milestone reflects dedication, resilience, and a shared vision for quality healthcare data in India."

Gratitude and Forward-Looking Message

Dr. Santosh Kumar Guptha expressed his sincere thanks to the **MEDRECON 2026 organizing committee** for hosting a well-structured, insightful, and impactful national conference. He appreciated the opportunity to contribute to discussions that will shape the future of health information management in India.

Concluding his address, Dr. Guptha delivered a strong message to medical coders and healthcare professionals nationwide:

"The future of healthcare belongs to those who are prepared. **Learn, upskill, embrace ICD-11, and align with global standards.** Accurate data saves lives, drives policy, and builds trust in healthcare systems."

About MEDRECON 2026

MEDRECON 2026 – the Annual National Medical Records Conference – brought together leaders, practitioners, educators, and policymakers to discuss the future of Health Information Management in India. The event spotlighted digital health transformation, coding standards, compliance, and workforce development.

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Event Details:

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