

# Academy Committee and Taskforce - Report Highlights

## **Highlights from Committee Reports to the House of Delegates**

Fall 2019

Academy committees and/or task forces provided updates to the House of Delegates (HOD). Report Highlights are posted prior to the fall and spring House of Delegates meetings. Report Highlights can be obtained using the following Academy Web site pathway: <a href="https://www.eatrightpro.org/resource/leadership/house-of-delegates/about-hod-meetings/fall-meeting-materials">https://www.eatrightpro.org/resource/leadership/house-of-delegates/about-hod-meetings/fall-meeting-materials</a>. Click on Committee and Task Force Reports to obtain the full Report.

## **Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Political Action Committee**

The Academy's political action committee continues to support members of Congress that champion nutrition issues. ANDPAC has contributed to \$54,450 to 49 members of Congress in 2019, 11 Senators and 38 members of the House of Representatives. In addition, ANDPAC has supported one local candidate and one political action committee. As of the first quarter of FY20, 417 Academy members and staff have contributed an average donation of \$62 which is up 16% from the same period last year and likely attributable to the timing of the Nutrition and Dietetics Advocacy Summit in July 2019. ANDPAC raised \$25,824 during the first quarter of FY20. Fourteen DPGs and 7 affiliates have contributed to the PAC's administrative fund. The My ANDPAC campaign was launched earlier this year which features monthly targeted messages, new graphics and donor testimonials. For the third year, a commemorative HOD pin is being offered exclusively to those delegates who contribute \$20 or more at FNCE. A goal of 100% participation has been set. Rep. Dwight Evans (Penn.) will join ANDPAC donors at the annual VIP reception at FNCE this year. Those members who have contributed \$250 or more are encouraged to attend this popular event on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

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# Committee for Lifelong Learning Report Highlights

FNCE® 2019

- The CLL developed 20 advanced level sessions, to fill educational gaps in the program.
- New for FNCE® 2019! The CLL is designing eight interview style sessions. These sessions will be informal
  dialogues between high profile experts and Academy leaders to discuss some of the hottest topics in our
  field.
- The CLL used crowdsourcing techniques to allow attendees to have a voice in shaping the FNCE® program.
- The CLL redesigned the format for both pre-FNCE® workshops and excursions. These educational
  opportunities will focus on the experience of the attendee with added opportunities for networking.

#### Collaborations

- The Behavioral Health Nutrition DPG to name and assign sessions to the new behavioral and mental health track
- The Council on Future Practice to present the Innovation e-poster session at FNCE®.
- The Consumer Protection and Licensure Subcommittee to ensure proper messaging at FNCE® sessions related to licensure.
- The American Council on Exercise (ACE) and the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) to promote the FNCE® Sports, Fitness and Athletic Performance track.
- The American Diabetes Association and the American Association of Diabetes Educators to develop a session for FNCE®.

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• The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association on the International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative. Various resources have been implemented such as the IDDSI Boot Camp emails, a Pre-FNCE® workshop and a FNCE® educational session.

## Posters

- The Call for Late-breaking abstracts closed May 31st. An additional 147 abstracts were selected for inclusion at FNCE®.
- The CLL will present awards for top scoring abstracts at FNCE®

## FNCE® 2020

- The Call for Sessions opened September 1 and closes November 21st.
- Currently planning anchor sessions with global thought leaders.

## Certificates of Trainings (COTs)

- Integrative and Functional Nutrition Module 3 Planned with the DIFM DPG (new module, Level 2 launched June 2019)
- Research COT Planned with the Council on Research (4 modules, Level 2 Launched June 2019)
- Health and Wellness Coaching COT Planned with the WM, NE, DIFM, SCAN DPGs (4 modules, Level 2 launched December 2018)
- Sustainable Food Systems COT Planned with the HEN DPG (4 modules, Level 2 launched December 2018, put on hold Jan. 2019, anticipated re-release date November 2019)
- Diabetes Mellitus COT- Planned with DCE DPG (5 modules, Level 2 to be released November 2019)
- Treating Gluten Related Disorders COT Planned with MNPG Dietetic Practice Group sub-units DIGID (Dietitians in Gluten Intolerance Diseases) and IDN (Infectious Disease Nutrition) (5 modules, Level 2 to be released November 2019)

## Webinars

• Seven successful webinars have been presented and recorded for extended learning opportunities. Topics include: food allergies, disordered eating on the autism spectrum, nutrition for endurance athletes, updating the sodium and potassium DRIs, and podcasting for dietitians, clinical insight into Vitamin B12, and causes and treatments for abdominal bloating.

# Activities specifically related to the Fall 2019 HOD Strategic Issue – Technology/Big Data Technology

- Designing the FNCE® mobile app which will include new features such as note-taking on slides, a scavenger hunt, interactive floor plans, and social networking features. Anticipated launch date of October 1st.
- The Academy's new learning management system (LMS), powered by Community Brands launched in May. Products are made available in real-time and will be stored in their personal virtual library. The platform can track the progress of each course, include downloadable resources, and administer practice exams, offer peer-to-peer discussion boards, deliver CPE certificates upon completion and much more. The platform is be available via phone or tablet, offering convenient 24/7 access.
- Launched registration for FNCE® Front Row- live streaming of select FNCE® sessions.

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## **Consumer Protection and Licensure Subcommittee**

- Ongoing research & development of options for a licensure compact to facilitate telehealth and interstate practice, including convening a task force of Board appointees to review licensure implications of the Future Education Model and the advanced degree requirement, which recommended (1) aligning state licensure laws to ACEND competencies and (2) pursuing an interstate licensure compact for RDNs.
- Development of an Incident Reporting Tool to document instances of harm and stories of success in the
  practice of dietetics and nutrition to be introduced at FNCE and rolled out to affiliates for their training
  and use in the new year.

- Enhancing and strengthening professional regulation across the country, with a new, strong licensure bill
  with practice exclusivity passing the NJ Assembly (and a senate vote expected in the fall); introduction of a
  strong licensure bill with practice exclusivity in Pennsylvania and drafting the same in Michigan, drafting a
  voluntary certification bill for Arizona and engaging in its sunrise process, and working with Kansas,
  Louisiana, Nebraska, and Wisconsin to strengthen their licensure laws.
- Communicate regarding successful ruling in Florida lawsuit seeking to eviscerate the state's licensure law and its implications for other states.
- Successfully fought back against well-funded, coordinated attempts to weaken consumer protection provisions in dietetics licensure laws in Missouri, Montana, and North Dakota; develop messaging for use by other affiliates that are likely to face similar attacks

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**Council on Future Practice,** https://www.eatrightpro.org/resource/leadership/volunteering/committees-and-task-forces/council-on-future-practice

## **Report Highlights**

- Implementing an annual cycle for visioning work aimed to create a foresight culture within the Academy that shifts the Council's role away from making specific recommendations to providing strategic insights on relevant Change Drivers. Then, they'll engage leaders in conversations so they can identify implications for their work. Each year the Council will focus on 3-5 new or revised Change Drivers. Currently the Council is working on Population Health (refresh), Accelerating Technological Obsolescence (refresh), and VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous) World (new). The next set of Change Drivers will be identified in the coming months.
- The Council is offering a FNCE® session in Philadelphia, "Transformational Leadership: Maximize Your Influence Capacity" on October 27, 1:30 3:00 pm.
- The Council selected "Eskenazi Health Hypertension Group" by Amy Carter, MA, RDN, CD, CDE and her team at Eskenazi Health to receive the Transforming Vision into Action Award. The winner will be recognized at the House of Delegates meeting on October 26. This award recognizes innovative programs or products that transform a vision into nutrition and dietetics practice/education with outcomes relevant to the future.
- The Council will host the 11th annual Innovations in Nutrition and Dietetics Practice and Education session at FNCE® utilizing a new presentation format on October 28, 11:45 am 1:00 pm on the stage in the Expo Hall.
- The Council continues to promote the Visioning Report 2017: A Preferred Path Forward for the Nutrition and Dietetics Profession. The Council urges members to read this report, published in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (January 2017), and use it to take personal ownership of their careers.

## Activities specifically related to the Fall 2019 HOD Strategic Issue - Technology/Big Data

This issue ties directly to several of the Council's Change Drivers identified in the 2017 Visioning Report. The Council is currently updating two of those relevant Change Drivers (Population Health and Technological Obsolescence) to reflect new data and trends.

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## Report Highlights -

• The Evidence-based criteria Task force has communicated its final work via webinars to key stakeholder staff, CDR and the BOD and has a submitted a manuscript to JAND. Further dissemination via a promotional video and webinar to the membership are being considered. The BOD has approved the

- manuscript and recommendations for use of evidence-based (dietetics) practice and not evidence-informed practice.
- The Research's Research Priorities and Strategies Development Task Force has implemented a survey that will help finalize the Academy's research priorities and is in the process of analyzing the data. The task force presented its process and progress to key stakeholder staff and BOD and will presents its work to members during a FNCE session on October 27th, 2019 before finalizing the priorities.
- An International Policy and Nutrition Forum was held adjacent to ESPEN which included PhD researchers, MDs and dietitians (RDNs) from seven different countries. The results will be published in a proceedings paper. The Chair of COR presented at this meeting.
- The dissemination subcommittee is collaborating with the Strategic Communications team at the
  Academy to streamline information about studies form the research team and work groups into different
  media channels. A form has been created to facilitate this collaboration and metrics will be monitored to
  determine effectiveness.
- The Implementation subcommittee has been focusing on helping members implement the research and EBNPG into their everyday practice. They are currently writing an implementation focused manuscript to be submitted to the journal.

## Activities specifically related to the Fall 2019 HOD Strategic Issue - Technology/Big Data

• The Research team has started analyzing data from the Academy's Health Informatics Infrastructure (ANDHII) and specifically its database called the Dietetic Outcomes Registry (DOR). Both Practice and research data can be entered in this database but the National Quality Improvement (NQI), only contains real-practice client data entered by RDNs. The evaluation of the quality of aggregated data in the NQI was outlined in a manuscript that was recently accepted for publication in JAND.

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## **Diversity & Inclusion Committee**

- Committee conducted orientation webinar for Diversity Liaisons to inspire outreach to diverse individuals.
- Committee forming work group to submit diversity-related session proposals for FNCE 2020.
- Online Diversity Awards and Grants application system will open in November and close March 1.
- Committee reviewing objectives and strategies for updated Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan.

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## **Ethics Committee**

## **Report Highlights**

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Ethics Education Resources, <a href="https://www.eatrightpro.org/practice/code-of-ethics/ethics-education-resources">https://www.eatrightpro.org/practice/code-of-ethics/what-is-the-code-of-ethics</a>

- From February through September 2019, the Ethics Committee held three conference calls.
  - Six cases have been reviewed and acted upon; four new, two continuing. Three cases have been closed and one was dismissed. –
  - o A preliminary FNCE 2020 educational session proposal was drafted.
  - o Topics for future Ethics in Practice articles have been discussed.
- Three Ethics in Practice articles, with continuing professional education, have been published in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics so far this year, and another article is currently in development.
- Three quizzes, aimed at testing and tracking member and non-member knowledge of the Code of Ethics, have been created and disseminated via email. They have helped to promote the Academy's ethics education resources on eatrightPRO and will serve as a method to track changes in ethics-related knowledge in the future.
- Four modules with ethics-related case studies and quiz questions are currently being reviewed and will be submitted for continuing professional education as self-study activities.

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## **Honors Committee**

- Committee recommended 2019 National Honors and Awards recipients to Board of Directors. All recipients will be honored at FNCE 2019.
- Inaugural national Excellence in Practice Diversity and Inclusion Promotion award will be presented at FNCE 2019.
- Online National Honors application system will open in November and close March 1.
- BOD approved the Excellence in Practice award categories to be expanded to align with the 11 revised areas of practice.
- BOD approved the Outstanding Nutrition and Dietetics Technician Registered (NDTR) and Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Promotion awards as standalone awards.

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## Interoperability and Standards Committee

## **Report Highlights**

- HL7 and Standards work (Technological Innovations)
  - Reviewed and voted on 2 rounds of HL7 standard balloting
  - o Provided feedback on the patient care work group SDoH white paper
  - Participation in the Gravity Project to define a set of terms for food insecurity
  - Validation efforts of the ENCPRS functional profile to ensure it contains the appropriate functions that are necessary to support the NCP in an EHR
  - Created a FHIR Nutrition Intake resource for sharing data
  - Contributed to a white paper to describe technology needs to support school health
- Champion Legislation
  - Commented on NQF Obesity Quality Measures
  - Interoperability and Standards Advisory (ISA) from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) (Technological Innovations)
  - o Recommended the inclusion of various nutrition terminology and standards
  - o Attended the Nutrition and Dietetic Advocacy Summit in Washington DC
- Informatics Advocacy
  - Provided verbal and written communication to educate on and advocate for the HL7 standards through several channels
  - o Presented an inaugural webinar to NI DPG members
  - o Presented a webinar on charting/documentation and the ENCPRS standard to NI DPG members
  - Developed guest lecture material to present nutrition informatics at state affiliate Dietetic
     Association annual conference technology sessions
  - Contributed to the NI DPG newsletter to inform members of the ISC activities
- Research (Future Practice)
  - In conjunction with the NIC, administered the 4th tri-annual nutrition informatics survey

## Activities specifically related to the Fall 2019 HOD Strategic Issue - Technology/Big Data -

The ISC actively engages in standards development work through the HL7 organization. These standards include a functional profile to describe EHR functions to support the nutrition care process, templates for transitions of care, and various FHIR resources that are used to easily share data. All of these standards are technology related and can contribute to the collection of big data.

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## **Legislative and Public Policy Committee**

• The LPPC hosted the Academy's Nutrition and Dietetics Advocacy Summit, formerly Public Policy Workshop, in July 2019. The Washington, D.C. event had more than 260 attendees, with representation

from 43 states. Forty affiliates sent a public policy coordinator or alternate; all but two of the Academy's 26 DPG policy and advocacy leaders attended this year's event. It is important to note that there has been a downward trend in overall event attendance since the length of the program was shortened to a day and a half. Attendees participated in two preparatory webinars prior to the live event which focused on increasing access to MNT and Diabetes Self-Management Training for Medicare beneficiaries.

- As part of the event, a one-day training was convened for affiliate PPCs and DPG PALs. The Academy launched its new advocacy strategy which focuses on personal relationships and targeted communications. The strategy capitalizes on the Academy's board of directors, LPPC, and ANDPAC leaders as the "grass tops" of policy initiatives. The strategic measures are being revised to reflect the new strategy and performance outcomes for policy leaders. In the updated approach, congressional leaders on key committees will be prioritized for personal messages rather than relying on action alerts to convey information. A new software platform is being introduced in the near future which is expected to better support grassroots advocacy. A revised guidebook will be released in June 2020.
- Delegates are reminded that Public Policy Weekly News contains important updates and reminders regarding the Academy's initiatives including legislative and regulatory activities.

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# Member Services Advisory Committee Report Highlights

- Developing strategies to reposition the Find an Expert online tool to garner maximum recognition by the public and allied professionals.
- Committee will explore a multi-year dues payment option utilizing survey data and benchmarking from other professional organizations.
- Committee will be holding a joint meeting with the Student Advisory Committee to increase collaboration, foster leadership development and support all member categories.

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## Nominating Committee, <u>www.eatrightPRO.org/elections</u> Report Highlights

Each year as part of its evaluation of the nominations and election processes, the Nominating Committee examines feedback from surveys sent to candidates, nominees and vote-eligible members. The feedback is used to review the nomination and elections processes, inform the committee discussions and formulate action plans for the coming election. The Nominating Committee chair appointed five subcommittees to review the nominations and elections processes and revise as needed.

Highlights of the Nominating Committee's 2019-20 plan of work follow.

- Biographical Information Form. The committee will continue to require nominees to submit a video with their nomination submission forms. Detailed instructions to facilitate the recording process is provided on the biographical information form. Videos for all candidates will be linked to the ballot information posted on the elections website for members to view.
- Interview Questions and Interview Scoring/Rating System The candidate interview questions were revised, and a new scoring/rating system was developed to effectively evaluate interviewees for the positions of President-elect, Speaker-elect and Treasurer-elect.
- Petition Process The committee is in the process of review, evaluation and revision of the petition process.
- Campaign Guidelines Using feedback from surveys and candidate input, the committee has revised the campaign guidelines. An informational campaign guidelines webinar will be presented to candidates and all members in December.
- Member Engagement Tactics and strategies to increase member engagement in the nominations and
  elections processes were reviewed. Social media assets have been enhanced, including development of a
  social media toolkit, to promote nominations and elections.

## Activities specifically related to the Fall 2019 HOD Strategic Issue - Technology/Big Data -

The entire nominations and election/balloting process is done online using technology to ensure security and facilitate election results.

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## Nutrition Care Process Research Outcomes Committee, www.ncpro.org

https://www.eatrightpro.org/practice/practice-resources/nutrition-care-process

## **Report Highlights**

- Nutrition Care Process Terminology (NCPT)
- Ongoing Committee approval of new content & revision for 2020 release
  - Validated assessment scales/ tools for outcome measurement
  - Outcomes status terms
- SNOMED
  - NCPT inclusion and development in SNOMED-CT and LOINC enabling international use (in progress)
  - Communication with SNOMED updating on past years accomplishments
  - 2019 Malaysia SNOMED annual meeting presentation regarding progress and plans for mapping of NCPT
- Manuscripts:
  - One manuscript accepted on International NCP implementation survey (INIS), Accepted Aug
     2019, Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics
  - Manuscript in draft on NCPT barriers and predictors per country
- 2020 International Congress of Dietetics, Capetown: Accepted workshop/symposiums include:
  - Different countries, different stories and different journeys towards a common Nutrition Care Process and Terminology (NCP/NCPT)
  - Experiences and reflections when incorporating the Nutrition Care Process and Terminology (NCP/NCPT) into electronic health records
  - Forging new frontiers in Public Health Research and Development with the Nutrition Care Process
  - Teaching NCP/NCPT and NFPE across the Curriculum, Including International Innovations
- NCPT implementation guide for Clinical Nutrition Managers: Improving Outcomes using NCPT-based solutions. Taskforce Appointments complete
- Embedding NCPT within the standard practice of the Academy
- Initiating discussion with
  - Council on Research
  - Council on Future Practice Roles
  - Excellence in Practice Document. Discussions commenced.
- ANDHII highlighted at FNCE 2019 within two sessions: Informatics DPGs and dietary outcomes registry session
- WHO
  - NCPROC provided input during the WHO's public health consultation for the WHO Draft Global Strategy on Digital Health.

## Activities specifically related to the Fall 2019 HOD Strategic Issue - Technology/Big Data -

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## **Nutrition Informatics Committee**

## Report Highlights -

- Distributed the 4th tri-annual informatics survey (Future Practice)
  - Received approximately 6000 responses

- Discussed the approach to report the data to set the stage for FNCE discussions where the work will be divided up
- 2 papers will be likely be written: informatics survey results and a longitudinal report comparing the 4 informatics surveys
- Educators Teaching of Informatics survey (Future Practice)
  - 2 papers will likely be written: survey results and qualitative analysis of NDEP roundtable discussions
  - Analyzing results from NDEP roundtable discussions (conducted to gain feedback on teaching NCP/T)
- NIC phase-out
  - Support the launch of the NI DPG, including having the NIC chair as the appointed NI DPG chair
  - Wrote several documents to contribute to the NI DPG website so content was available when it launched
  - Share NI DPG updates on monthly calls
- In conjunction with the staff partner, continuing to pursue adding informatics content on EatrightPro

## Activities specifically related to the Fall 2019 HOD Strategic Issue - Technology/Big Data -

- The results of both the informatics survey and the educators teaching of informatics survey
- NDEP roundtable discussion results

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# Nutrition Services Payment Committee, <a href="www.eatrightpro.org/payment">www.eatrightpro.org/payment</a> Report Highlights

- Implemented training events to build member leaders' knowledge and skills around nutrition services payment now and in the future:
  - o Reimbursement Representative Training October 2019
  - Sessions sponsored at FNCE®2019
    - "Parlez-Vous Revenue? Winning at Third Party Payment" (Sunday, 3:30 pm 5:00 pm)
    - "Are You Invisible? Why Your Digital Footprint Matters!" (Sunday, 11:45 am 12:00 pm)
    - Focus Group: Informing Member Education Needs (Monday, 12:30 pm 1:15 pm)
- Published "Trends in Registered Dietitian Nutritionists' Knowledge and Patterns of Coding, Billing, and Payment" in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- Speaker's Bureau presentations are available for affiliate/DPG/MIG meetings and webinars. New
  presentations available include "Data and Dollars," "The Nuts and Bolts of Becoming a Medicare
  Provider," and "Medicare's Quality Payment Program: Through the Lens of the RDN."
- Informed consumer messages for National Nutrition Month® 2020 to drive demand for MNT services.
- Developing key stakeholder marketing pieces to promote RDNs and MNT services.
- Collaborating with Legislative and Public Policy Committee and HRSA on policy article advocating for routine inclusion of nutrition services for adults in HRSA-funded health centers.
- Working with Academy staff to inform a member "Payment Matters" marketing campaign to be launched January 2020.
- New and revised NPI Taxonomy Code requests approved by the National Uniform Claim Committee to recognize the CDR Board Certified Specialist credentials.
- Approved regulatory comments to CMS addressing the needs of RDNs under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and the Medicare Quality Payment Program.
- Approved regulatory comments to HRSA recommending revisions to the Health Center Patient Survey to enhance the quality and utility of information collected to shape access to services provided by RDNs.

## Activities specifically related to the Fall 2019 HOD Strategic Issue - Technology/Big Data -

The NSPC successfully submitted proposals to the National Uniform Claims Committee to add NPI Taxonomy Codes for all CDR Board Certified Specialist credentials. This work is part of an overall strategy to encourage all RDNs and NDTRs to get an NPI to create a "digital footprint" in health care databases. The committee has a Speakers Bureau

presentation on the value of NPIs and staff have supported the messaging through website content, articles in the MNT Provider newsletter, and a future article in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The NSPC incorporates into all its products (webinars, toolkits, etc.) information on outcomes data collection and documentation of RDN provided services through health care claims to contribute to all-claims data sets used to drive population health and other health care strategies. The NSPC does work related to coverage and payment for telenutrition services (member education and advocacy), including website content, educational presentations, new CPT code development and valuation, and plans to create a "how to" guide for telehealth practices.

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## **Quality Management Committee**

Quality Management:www.eatrightpro.org/QualityScope of Practice, Definition of Terms:www.eatrightpro.org/ScopeStandards of Practice and Professional Performance:www.eatrightpro.org/SOPStandards of Excellence:www.eatrightpro.org/SoE

Competence, Case Studies and Practice Tips:

www.eatrightpro.org/practice/quality-management/competence-case-studies-practice-tips

Quality Strategies: - Quality Resource Collection www.eatrightpro.org/QualityStrategies

Quality Leader Alliance: www.eatrightpro.org/QLA

IMPACT Act:

www.eatrightpro.org/practice/practice-resources/post-acute-long-term-care-management/impact-act
Telehealth:

Ordering Privileges:

Malnutrition Electronic Clinical Quality Measures:

Malnutrition Electronic Clinical Quality Measures FAQs:

Malnutrition Resources:

www.eatrightpro.org/eMeasuresFAQs

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- Standards of Practice/Standards of Professional Performance
  - o RDN focus area SOP and/or SOPP published in *Journal* 
    - Nutrition in Integrative Functional Medicine 6/19
    - Clinical Nutrition Management 9/19
  - o RDN focus area SOP and/or SOPP manuscripts in development
    - Eating Disorders
    - Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
    - Sustainable, Resilient, Healthy Food & Water Systems
    - Sports Nutrition & Dietetics
    - Nephrology Nutrition
  - o Focus area SOP and/or SOPP for RDNs revision process initiated
    - Management in Food and Nutrition Systems
    - Nutrition Support
    - Pediatric Nutrition
    - Adult Weight Management
- New Scope of Practice Decision Algorithm 5/19
- (5) New Case Studies in Health and Wellness Coaching and Telehealth
  - RDNs and Health and Wellness Coaching
  - NDTRs and Health and Wellness Coaching
  - RDNs Delivering Telehealth Nutrition-Related Services in Hospital Outpatient Setting
  - o RDNs Delivering Telehealth Diabetes Care and Education-Related Services
  - NDTRs Delivering Telehealth Nutrition-Related Services
- Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative (MQii)
  - o MQii JAND Supplement published in Journal 9/19
  - o MQii Measures Article published in Journal 9/19
  - Agreements with Premier (Clinical Performance Registry) and Intellicure (US Wound Registry) to license eCQMs for Qualified Clinical Data Registries (QCDRs)

- Quality Strategies Taskforce
  - Quality Improvement Virtual Huddles/Quickinars:
    - Malnutrition Diagnosis and Documentation by MDs 7/19
    - IDDSI Journey from Plan to Implementation 09/19
  - New Quality Improvement Practice Tip & Infographic 5/19
- FNCE 2019 Education Sessions:
  - o Exploring the Boundaries of RDN Scope of Practice
  - Dietitians Driving Impact: Data on Improved Patient Care from the Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative

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## **Student Advisory Committee**

- Committee created and approved an application for the Student Liaison Fall Award Program and National Nutrition Month Student Program, which will streamline processes for 2019-2020.
- Committee will continue to contribute to the Student Liaison Community of Interest and through articles in Student Scoop e-Newsletter in an effort to increase engagement and involvement with Student members while providing feedback on emerging areas of concern for students and encouraging the future leaders of the profession.

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