

## MQii Press & Publications

Links to publications, news, podcasts, and more in which the MQii has been featured  
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## Press Releases

### 2020

#### **New Academy Collaboration With Intellicure, Inc. – U.S. Wound Registry Will Provide Tools to Report Malnutrition Measures**

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#### **New Academy Collaboration Will Provide Tools for Clinicians to Report Malnutrition Measures**

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### **Indicators Used to Determine Malnutrition in Adults**

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### **2019**

#### **CMS Approves Inclusion of Malnutrition Quality Measures**

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#### **Morrison Healthcare Partners with Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to Support Malnutrition Learning Collaborative**

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#### **MQii Reaches Milestone**

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#### **In September, Academy Shines Spotlight on Identifying and Treating Malnutrition**

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### **2017**

#### **Academy Comments to CMS re Proposed Adoption of Malnutrition Electronic Clinical Quality Measures**

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#### **Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Senior Advocates and Patient Groups Commend CMS for Taking Action Against Hidden Epidemic of Older Adult Malnutrition**

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#### **September 26 Briefing on Malnutrition to Highlight Need for Medical Intervention**

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#### **New Malnutrition Quality Measures Will Lead to Higher Quality, Lower-Cost Care**

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### **Podcasts**

#### **Telehealth Barriers and Opportunities for Nutrition Care Arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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**Utilizing the Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative (MQii) to Strengthen Transitions of Care.**

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**Malnutrition Among Hospitalized Adults: An Opportunity to Improve Care and Reduce Readmissions**

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**Advancing Malnutrition Care through De Novo Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs)**

<http://avalere.com/expertise/managed-care/insights/opportunities-to-support-the-uptake-and-adoption-of-malnutrition-emeasures>.

**A National Call to Action Using Tools to Defeat Malnutrition Care Challenges in the United States**

<http://avalere.com/expertise/life-sciences/insights/a-national-call-to-action-using-tools-to-defeat-malnutrition-care-challenge>.

## Videos

**Nutrition-Related Quality Measures: How Might They Improve Care for People with Chronic Conditions?**

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