

Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
2019 Special Supplement on the Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative (MQii)

Call for Abstracts will open Wednesday, April 3, 2019 and close Thursday, April 18, 2019.

Abstracts will be featured in a MQii-focused Supplement of the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (JAND)* to be released in September 2019. The *JAND* Supplement intends to highlight MQii stories and Learning Collaborative member findings, will be peer-reviewed, and is being led by the Academy and Avalere, with support provided by Abbott.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submitted abstracts will be peer-reviewed and selected abstracts will be published in a Special Supplement on the MQii for the *JAND*.

Abstracts must be submitted using one of the template guidelines included at the end of this document. All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the submission webpage between Wednesday, April 3, 2019 and Thursday, April 18, 2019. For questions or further information contact: Quality@eatright.org

ABSTRACT CATEGORIES

Abstracts should be based on experiences with and/or use of the [malnutrition electronic Clinical Quality Measure \(eCQMs\)](#) and/or Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative [on-line toolkit](#) or other quality improvement frameworks, and be relevant to malnutrition in the adult acute care population.

Abstracts should align with and be submitted for one of the following three categories of malnutrition focus areas:

1. **Multidisciplinary team engagement and key learnings** from implementing a clinical malnutrition-related quality improvement process or program. Abstract includes information about the learning objective, need or purpose for implementing such a process or program (relevance), background about the quality initiative development and/or the implementation setting, the quality improvement tools and/or process on which the initiative is based, results and/or key learnings, conclusions, and implications for dietetics policy or practice; if appropriate, the unique characteristics of the project, the characteristics of the multidisciplinary team or target audience involved, and the type of evaluation used for key learnings.
2. **Data integration and process outcome results** from implementing a clinical malnutrition-related quality improvement process or program. Abstract includes information about the purpose for implementing such a process or program, the relevance to dietetic practice, background about the quality initiative development and/or the implementation setting, methodology for the quality improvement initiative including data sources/data integration techniques and/or process outcomes measured, results/process outcomes, conclusions, and implications for dietetics policy or practice; if appropriate the unique characteristics of the quality improvement initiative, and how results/process outcomes compare to other process outcomes reported in the literature.
3. **Research outcome results** from implementing a clinical malnutrition-related quality improvement process or program. Abstract includes a brief description of the author's original objective or hypothesis, the relevance to dietetic practice, background about the implementation setting, research methodology (including design, research outcomes measured), results/research outcomes, and conclusions, implications for dietetics policy or practice; if appropriate how the research results/outcomes compare to other research outcomes reported in the literature.

REVIEW PROCESS AND RULES FOR SUBMISSION

All “blind” abstracts for the Supplement are peer-reviewed by a panel of three dietetics professionals with specific experience in quality improvement. Supplement abstracts may be 250-500 words in length (including subheads). All abstracts are reviewed using the criteria below.

Multidisciplinary Team Engagement and Key Learnings abstracts are reviewed based on the following:

- *Relevance* (clear purpose for implementing the quality improvement initiative)
- *Link to a Quality Improvement Process* (specific identification of the quality improvement process and/or tools on which the initiative is based)
- *Multidisciplinary* (specific identification of multidisciplinary engagement)
- *Synthesis* (succinct summary of key learnings and application to dietetics policy or practice)

Data Integration and Process Outcome Results abstracts are reviewed based on the following:

- *Relevance* (clear purpose for implementing the quality improvement initiative)
- *Methods* (specific description of data sources/data integration techniques and/or specific process outcomes measures)
- *Results* (effective interpretation of results consistent with the purpose)
- *Synthesis* (succinct conclusions and application to dietetics policy or practice)

Research Outcome Results abstracts are reviewed based on the following:

- *Research outcome* (focus, clarity, justification of the research question)
- *Methods* (adequate description of design and appropriateness to the research question)
- *Analysis* (analytic procedures appropriate to the data collected and the research question)
- *Results* (scientifically sound, valid presentation and interpretation of the results consistent with research question)
- *Conclusions* (appropriate representation of the results consistent with research question)
- *Overall scientific quality merit of the research and contribution to the science.*

The Academy will summarize peer review results and make all final abstract selection decisions. This correspondence includes a receipt of abstract and final status notification. It is the corresponding author’s responsibility to notify all coauthors of the abstract status. Receipt of abstract will be e-mailed.

Read all the following information before submitting the abstract:

- Complete and submit all information listed on the online form including the FUNDING SOURCE.
- Students submitting abstracts must provide the name, e-mail and phone number of their faculty advisor.
- Abstracts must be original material and may not have been previously published, printed or presented prior to September 2019. Abstracts found to have been printed, published or presented prior to September 2019 will not be published.
- Research results and/or conclusions must be completed at the time of submission.
- Proofread your abstract carefully. Do NOT rely on computer spell check software only. Any abstracts that have significant typographical or grammatical errors, particularly any in the title, may be disqualified. If accepted, the original Abstract Form as submitted will be published “as is” in the September 2019 MQii Supplement to the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*. All abstract authors will be listed in the *Journal* supplement.
- Submissions must be made via the MQii Supplement abstract submission website by the deadline. Abstracts that do not comply with these instructions will not be reviewed.

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MQii Abstract Template #1 - Multidisciplinary Team Engagement and Key Learnings

Author(s) (List name(s) and credential(s))	
Corresponding Author	
Abstract Title	
Learning Objective	
Relevance	
Background	
Quality Improvement Process on Which Initiative is Based (including any specific quality improvement tools used)	
Results / Key Learnings	
Conclusions	
Implications for Policy or Practice	
Funding Source if any (list if corporate, private, grant etc; be specific)	
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MQii Abstract Template #2 – Data Integration and Process Outcome Results

Author(s) (List name(s) and credential(s))	
Corresponding Author	
Abstract Title	
Purpose	
Relevance	
Background	
Methods (including data sources/data integration techniques and/or process outcomes measured)	
Results / Outcomes	
Conclusions	
Implications for Policy or Practice	
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MQii Abstract Template #3 – Research Outcome Results

Author(s) (List name(s) and credential(s))	
Corresponding Author	
Abstract Title	
Research Objective/Hypothesis	
Relevance	
Background	
Methods (including design, research outcomes measured)	
Results / Outcomes	
Conclusions	
Implications for Policy or Practice	
Funding Source if any (list if corporate, private, grant etc; be specific)	
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