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Today's Agenda

Agenda Item	Presenter
Welcome and introduction to the “MQii Learning Collaborative Participant Dissemination Workshop” webinar	Kelsey Jones
Moderated discussion on dissemination, with insights on: <ul data-bbox="117 725 1045 1110" style="list-style-type: none">• Reasons to share your work;• Types of work to share;• Sample abstracts;• Tips and considerations;• Examples of projects shared;• Current dissemination opportunities; and• Tools and resources	Catherine D’Andrea, RDN, LDN; Sherri Jones, MS, MBA, RDN, LDN, SSGB, FAND; and Mujahed Khan, MBA, RDN, LDN
Questions – 15 mins	

Today's Webinar Panel

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Why You Should Share Your Work

**QI projects are encouraged.
Work does not have to be
formal research.**

- To advance nutrition/dietetic practice
- To promote the role of the RDN
- So others can learn from your success
- To establish best practices and support evidence-based practice
- To give others ideas of QI initiatives to pursue
- To promote yourself/your team/your organization
- To celebrate successes and encourage your team to continue great work
- To increase awareness of Malnutrition in hospitalized patients
- To get feedback/input from others for future considerations
- To support a culture of quality in healthcare
 - National Academy of Medicine (IOM) 6 aims for improvement
 - National Quality Strategy
- To show your leadership that MQii work is important on a larger scale

Academy's Quality Improvement Efforts

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 - Standards of Excellence
 - Standards of Practice
 - National Quality Accreditation and Regulations

The Quality Management Committee (QMC) recognized the need of paralleling its efforts with major players in the National Quality arena to educate and empower its membership to be healthcare quality leaders in all delivery and payment models. The below are recommendations for quality strategies:

- It is imperative for RDNs to grow, enhance and expand their knowledge base, be a part of the quality team and quality initiatives.
- RDNs need to be inclusive, opportunistic and visible. RDNs are not aware of the changes in regulation and quality improvement tools.
- The Academy needs to raise the bar and create awareness on quality improvement tools, policies and regulations that are driving the changes in quality environment in the nutrition and dietetics profession.
- The Academy needs to develop quality measures in order to recognize that missed opportunities or lack of national quality measures for food, nutrition and dietetics will affect the profession in terms of job security, return on investment and viability of the organization.

Quality Leader Alliance

The Quality Strategies Workgroup under the direction of the Quality Management Committee has launched a new initiative called the Quality Leader Alliance (QLA). The QLA will be comprised of individuals experienced in quality to network and develop resources for the Academy.

- [Read more about the Quality Leader Alliance.](#)

Videos and Additional Resources

Quality Resource Collection

With over a 100 different resources listed, the Quality Resource Collection serves to develop quality management knowledge and skills as a critical component of nutrition and dietetics practice. This collection published by the Academy's Quality Management Committee, includes resources used in practice by Quality Leader Alliance and reflects their areas of expertise.

- [Access the Quality Resource Collection](#)

Learning Modules

The Quality Strategies Workgroup under the direction of the Quality Management Committee developed two learning modules (two parts each) totaling 70 minutes. These are intended to educate practitioners on current quality strategies trends.

Module I will focus on an overview of quality strategies in the healthcare arena.

- [Module I: Part 1](#)
- [Module I: Part 2](#)

Module II emphasizes the impact of quality strategies on RDNs/NDTRs.

- [Module II: Part 1](#)
- [Module II: Part 2](#)

Earn 1.0 CPEU Credit after viewing all modules and successfully the quiz below

- [Learning Modules Quiz](#)

Quality Strategy QIP Examples

The Academy's Quality Strategies Workgroup has shared some examples of quality and process improvement projects. These abstracts support the efforts of encouraging RDNs to conduct quality improvement projects at their organizations.

- [Quality and Process Improvement Project Examples](#)

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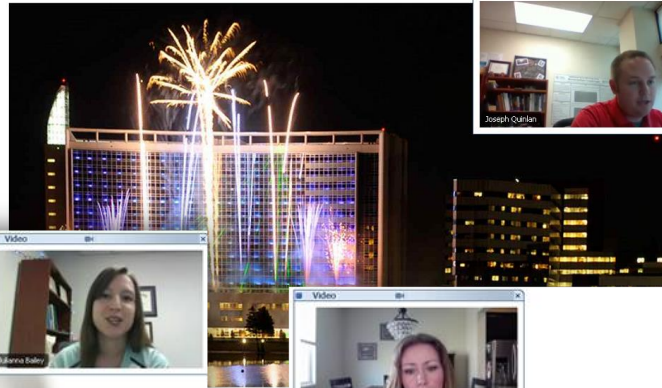
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Organization Background

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QI Project

Improving Nutritional Screening In
an Acute Care Hospital

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Types of Work to Share

EARLY PHASE: STRUCTURE AND PROCESS MEASURES MILESTONES DURING QI PROCESS (PRIOR TO DATA COMPARISON)

- Your initial small tests of change
- Your readiness assessment and how you identified what to target QI project
- How you engaged stakeholders and managed buy-in
- Working with IT to:
 - Enhance assessment documentation
 - Prepare the EHR for data extraction
- Best ways to in-service participants: RDNs, Physicians, Coders
- Validating NFPE competency
- Implementing/enhancing nutrition screening process

**You still need to report some type of results though.
How did you evaluate the impact of what was accomplished?**

Types of Work to Share

LATE PHASE: OUTCOME MEASURES

END RESULT OF QI PROCESS (PRE/POST DATA COMPARISON)

- Involves data collection prior to and post improvement strategy
- Have pre and post data – your quality measures
- Can you show how results were sustained over time
- Does it support the PDSA cycle (plan/do/study/act)
- Improvement in the following:
 - Nutrition screening (accuracy, timing, volume)
 - RDN assessment + malnutrition communication
 - MD documentation (recognition of malnutrition)
 - Malnourished patient outcomes (intake, weight gain, LOS)

Abstract Components: Anatomy of an Abstract

TYPICAL ELEMENTS REQUESTED – MAY VARY

- Title (typically 10-15 words)
- Learning Objective (*sometimes*)
- Authors
 - Primary/Contact
 - Contributing/Other
- **Abstract (Typical Flow):**
 - Background/Opportunity/Problem
 - Goal/Aim/Purpose (SMART format)
 - Methods/Strategies/Approach
 - Results/Outcomes
 - Conclusions/Impact/Considerations
- References/Literature Support (*sometimes*)

Abstract Considerations:

- Single paragraph summary of the QI project (typically 200-350 words)
Approx. 1800 characters = 250 words
- Needs to be complete but concise
- Consider it your “elevator/sales pitch”
- Will be only thing conference organizers will see of your work
- Needs to be strong enough to stand alone to represent scope of work
- Needs to stand out among a large volume of other abstracts to select
- When published needs to compel interest from others to read/attend

Sample Abstract



SUBMITTED TO 2018 IHI NATIONAL FORUM

[Submitting your Final Storyboard and Supporting Information through IHI.org](#)

You are required to enter in the following information:

- **Storyboard Title (Please limit the title to 15 or less words)**

Enculturing Nursing Bedside Shift Report Through Shared Leadership and PDSA Methodology (11)

- **Description (Please limit the description to 100 or less words)**

Prior to 2013 our nurses utilized a Voiceware recording system for shift report. With Voiceware's discontinuation, report was given face-to-face with encouragement for report at the bedside. A July 2016 audit revealed however that since 2013 only three (14%) nursing units conducted bedside shift report (BSR) consistently. As a result, the Shared Leadership Professional Practice and Development Council (PPDC) adopted Bedside Shift Report as a focus for improving nursing practice. PPDC partnered with an Improvement Specialist to develop improvement strategies to help enculture and sustain Bedside Shift Report as "normal" practice. (91)

- **Aim (Please limit the aim to 15 or less words)**

To increase occurrence of bedside shift report as evidenced by HCAHPS survey Top Box Scores (15)

- **Actions Taken (Please limit actions taken to 50 or less words)**

PPDC members conducted a current state assessment and identified barriers. Minimum BSR elements were defined, tools developed, and expectations set by PPDC membership consensus. BSR was promoted to all Shared Leadership Councils for dissemination to all nurses. PPDC members served as champions. HCAHPS adopter questions were added to patient surveys. (50)

- **Summary of Results (Please limit the summary of results to 50 or less words)**

A follow-up 2017 audit revealed occurrence of BSR increased from 14% to 67% of nursing units consistently conducting BSR per nurse interviews. Once HCAHPS adopter questions were added, HCAHPS top box scores (% always) increased from 31% in December 2017 to 50% in July 2018. (45)



Tips and Considerations

CONFERENCE RELATED – WRITING FOR SELECTION

- Pay attention to conference Theme and/or Objectives
- Choose an angle that fits conference topics – relevance + originality
- Consider the audience – appeal to the attendees
 - Ask: “*Would this topic interest attendees and why should others care?*”
- Use key words from theme/objectives in the title
- Short attention-catching titles are best, but must also describe your topic
- Entice the reader from the very beginning with first few sentences
- How can you make your project stand out or different from others
- Make sure the elements flow well and progression of ideas is clear
- Connect the dots – methods are targeted at the problem, results address the objective/aim, conclusions are supported by the results, etc.

Tips and Considerations

CONFERENCE RELATED – SUBMISSION ISSUES

- If electronic submission, type in Word format to draft out 1st then copy/paste into electronic submission → key to performing limitation counts
- Clarify whether count limitation is words or characters (with/without spaces)
- With limits cut filler words or jargon: the, a, an, of, rather, such as, etc.
- Define abbreviations/acronyms that may not be understood
- Follow the specific directions (if given)
- Start early – note deadline date/time – allow enough time to draft and review
- Determine if you can save and come back later
- Have others/objective people read it over – both for content + English structure
- View previous abstract examples (if available)
- Proofread - check for typographical errors of spelling/grammar/punctuation etc.
- Choose more recent references

Tips and Considerations

FROM A JUDGE OR SELECTION COMMITTEE PERSPECTIVE

- Did you follow the directions? – include everything needed, conform to word/character limits, etc.
- Is it incomplete or missing information?
- Is it well written in terms of language, grammar, etc.?
- Does the title describe the project outlined in the abstract?
- Is the problem, purpose, and/or goal clear?
- Are the methods and improvement strategies outlined? (actions taken)
- Is there an outcome and actual results? Is it clear how outcome was measured?
- Do the results align and support the goals?
- Does everything connect?
- Did the project make an impact to the: organization, customer, profession?
- Is it original? Able to be replicated by others?

Examples of Projects Shared

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics- Food and Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE) 2017, Chicago, Illinois

Learning Collaborative 2.0: Achieving Optimal Malnutrition Care

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Abstract

Relevance: Eliminating malnutrition is a main principle of the Academy's second century. The Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative (MQII) L.C. 2.0 allows for QI in malnutrition treatment and effective nutrition clinical workflow thereby validating the malnutrition electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs).

Background: The 2015-2016 MQII L.C. 1.0 was conducted with eight acute care facilities who piloted a standardized MQII Toolkit with Vanderbilt University Hospital as the demonstration site, and Advocate Health and Iowa Health Systems as the tester for a set of de novo eCQMs. This established success implemented the L.C. 2.0 framework which provides a unique opportunity for hospitals to test and generate evidence on the use of validated eCQMs and accelerate the dissemination of optimal malnutrition care practices using the MQII Toolkit.

Methods: Avalere and Academy assisted hospitals and healthcare systems throughout the L.C. 2.0 – May and July cohorts. Participating sites completed an 'on-boarding process' which included introductory webinars, Memorandum of Understanding, preliminary enrollment and feasibility criteria, kick-off webinars, and completing an IRB, as applicable.

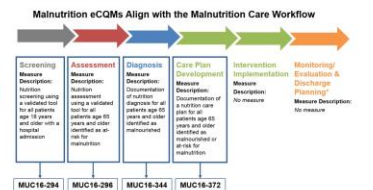
Results: 50+ hospitals and healthcare systems in 19 states were recruited and enrolled nationwide. Each site launched a 12-week malnutrition-focused QI project and captured nutrition data through EHR to demonstrate how high quality care improved outcomes that matter to patients and clinicians and reduced costs.

Conclusion: L.C. 2.0 is a break-through opportunity for RDNs within interdisciplinary teams to advance transitions of care planning.

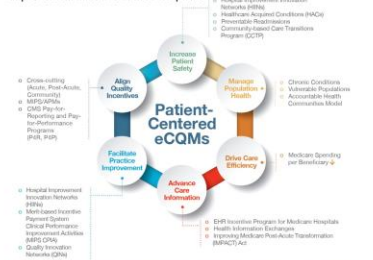


Objectives

- Ultimately, the MQII Learning Collaborative 2.0 will:
 - Highlight the scalability and usability of the four eCQMs and the MQII Toolkit in hospitals across the United States
 - Guide and inform the development of a malnutrition composite measure, the Global Malnutrition Score



Use of the eCQMs is supported by a MQII Toolkit, which offers clinicians tools and resources to identify best practices for optimal malnutrition care and understand how to implement a malnutrition quality improvement initiative in their hospitals.



eCQMs can help drive improved care quality while minimizing the administrative burden faced by hospitals and providers.

Methods

This effort brought together leading healthcare delivery and quality-focused organizations across the U.S. to further test and generate evidence on the use of validated malnutrition eCQMs and to accelerate the dissemination of optimal malnutrition care practices using the MQII Toolkit.

An Innovative Approach: The MQII Toolkit provides practical, interdisciplinary tools and resources to help hospitals implement malnutrition best practices. Data reported from the eCQMs will help hospitals measure their success in meeting the standards of care.



The MQII Toolkit is an interdisciplinary, patient-centered resource that includes recommended, evidence-based best practices to support an optimal malnutrition-focused clinical workflow. The de novo malnutrition eCQMs for hospitalized older adults assess the alignment of care with nutrition best practices while minimizing administrative burden through electronic reporting.

Results



Total organizations – 51 participating facilities
May Cohort – 18 sites (6 systems)
July Cohort – 32 sites (11 systems) & 1 corporate

- Key features of the L.C. 2.0 participating sites include:
- Bed sizes range: 25-1,371 beds
 - Geographic distribution: Majority urban, with a smaller number in rural locations
 - Type of hospital: non-profit hospitals or part of public institutions
 - Dietitians on Staff: 3-26 at participating sites
 - EHR Systems: Epic, Cerner, Allscripts, and McKesson; limited number of homegrown; some transitioning to a new system or undergoing EHR upgrades

May Cohort: Performance across Facility Type & Size

Facility Type	MUC16-294 "Screening" Performance Score	MUC16-296 "Assessment" Performance Score	MUC16-372 "Nutrition Care Plan" Performance Score	MUC16-344 "Medical Diagnosis Document" Performance Score
Academic Medical Center	84.61%	21.96%	88.42%	40.98%
Community Hospital	97.10%	61.25%	96.08%	78.43%
Critical Access Hospital	89.55%	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Short-Term Acute Care	79.85%	62.99%	77.95%	51.54%

*These facilities did not have sufficient patients within the reporting period to report on the performance measure

The above scores reflect baseline performance results and demonstrate a number of areas for improvement. As a result of the targeted QI interventions undertaken by sites, it is anticipated that many of these gaps will be reduced.



The above visual highlights distribution of participants' selected areas of focus for QI projects across the malnutrition clinical workflow. Many sites choose to focus on multiple areas of the process to drive improved clinical outcomes.

Call to Action

- Learn and increase your knowledge of MQII by:
- Access and use the MQII Toolkit to conduct malnutrition-related QI projects at your hospital
 - Have your hospital collect malnutrition data to calculate malnutrition eCQMs
 - Keep abreast of the latest news via Academy media sources

Examples of Projects Shared

Gerontological Society of America (GSA) – 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts

Advancing Patient-Centered Malnutrition Care Transitions

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WHAT WE LEARNED

Significant opportunities exist to facilitate improved care for patients with poor nutrition or malnutrition as they transition across care settings; operationalizing multi-stakeholder recommendations to enhance screening and nutrition care, data infrastructure, and patient education and shared decision making can address these needs and improve patients' overall health.

BACKGROUND

Malnutrition—both under and overnutrition—is an important issue that can impact functionality, healthy aging, and quality of life. Malnutrition affects individuals in acute, post-acute, and community settings alike, and includes overweight and obese individuals who lack sufficient nutrition (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Nutrition and the US Population



More than 40% of patients age 50+ are not getting the right amount of protein each day¹
 70% of adults are overweight or have obesity²

Care coordination and smooth transitions across the care continuum are critical for patients with poor nutrition or malnutrition, especially older adults. To date, care standards and associated tools to address nutrition status have not been consistently adopted into care coordination models (e.g., the patient-centered medical home, accountable care) or population health management solutions (e.g., comprehensive shared care plans, the transitional care model, or risk stratification models) or across care settings, particularly as patients transition care.

OBJECTIVES

1. To understand barriers to better integration of malnutrition care into system-level care pathways
2. To identify opportunities for screening and nutrition care, patient education and shared decision making, and data infrastructure to facilitate improved transitions for patients with poor nutrition or malnutrition between care settings.

METHODS

Avalere Health, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics ("the Academy"), and the Defeat Malnutrition Today coalition convened a national Dialogue event, "Advancing Patient-Centered Malnutrition Care Transitions" on March 14, 2018 in Washington, D.C. The event sought to bring together multi-stakeholder representatives of organizations engaged in the delivery of care or support for malnourished and at risk individuals, including clinicians, (e.g., physicians, dietitians), social workers, payers, professional societies, patient and caregiver advocacy groups, and community-based service providers, to address

malnutrition-focused transitional care gaps. The objectives of the day-long Dialogue were to:

1. Evaluate the current state of care transitions for malnourished patients and patients at risk for malnutrition;
2. Identify high-priority care transition gaps and opportunities to address these gaps across the care continuum; and
3. Outline key considerations for integrating malnutrition care into system-level care pathways to support patient goals and improve outcomes.

In anticipation of the Dialogue, we conducted a targeted literature search of white and grey literature to understand current care delivery mechanisms across acute, community, and post-acute care. We searched PubMed and Google Scholar to identify literature, guidelines, and clinical consensus documents focused on nutrition, as well as a review of nutrition-focused tools, quality measures, data sources (i.e., registries, QCDRs), quality improvement programs, and key stakeholders. In total, we performed a full review of 99 studies.

RESULTS

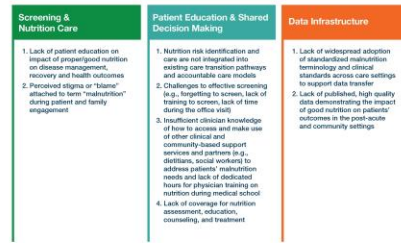
Multi-stakeholder input received during the Dialogue, as well as findings from the literature review, highlighted a significant opportunity to better integrate malnutrition care standards, tools, and best practices into patients' care as they transition across care settings (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Better Integration of Malnutrition Care into Care Transitions Is Necessary



To do so, participants noted the need for better screening and nutrition care, patient education and shared decision-making, and data infrastructure to support improved coordination, communication and patient engagement in addressing nutrition needs. However, participants also identified barriers inhibiting the effective delivery of nutrition care as patients transition across settings of care (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Barriers to Addressing Patients' Nutrition Needs across Care Settings



Understanding these barriers, Dialogue participants agreed that there is an opportunity for stakeholders to work together to better integrate patients' nutrition needs into care transitions and proposed a model to better address this issue through existing system-level care pathways (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Framework for Integrating Malnutrition Care into System-Level Care Pathways



Finally, Dialogue participants outlined key recommendations for multiple stakeholders, including patients and caregivers, policymakers, healthcare providers, and payers, to promote improved patient transitions between care settings (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Recommendations to Advance Malnutrition Care as Patients Transition Across Care Settings



CONCLUSIONS

The Dialogue outlined ways that clinicians, community and social service providers, patients and caregivers, payers, and policymakers can partner to address malnutrition care gaps and operationalize recommendations that (1) support systematic nutrition screening and care, (2) provide better education and shared decision making to patients and their caregivers, and (3) improve data infrastructure to capture and share critical nutrition information.

To implement some of these recommendations, we will establish a pilot to advance systematic identification, treatment, and management of patients who are malnourished or at risk for malnutrition as they transition across care settings. The pilot will seek to engage hospital-based teams and community-based clinicians and service providers (e.g., primary care group practices, dietitians, meal providers, and others) to integrate patient-centered nutrition care into existing care transition pathways or models. Specifically, the pilot will aim to ensure interventions and follow-ups for nutrition care are in place when patients are discharged from the hospital and improve recognition and management of patients' nutrition risk prior to their admission to a hospital and/or as a component of chronic disease management. Other stakeholders should similarly seek to integrate optimal nutrition care into care coordination models and programs.

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Examples of Projects Shared

Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) - National Forum 2018, Orlando, Florida



Addressing Nutrition as a Social Determinant of Health Through Improved Identification and Care Coordination for Malnutrition Across Settings of Care

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Problem Statement

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) define social determinants of health as the complex, interrelated, and ever-changing structural and economic systems that are responsible for social health inequities. An organization sees opportunities to improve health of our individuals, health outcomes while reducing readmissions. They are seeking ways to address individual social determinants of health within the context of traditional care, services, and delivery models. Availability of resources to meet daily needs, including good nutrition, is considered critical to promote good health. However, approximately 25% of individuals in the community at any given time are malnourished or at risk of malnutrition. This number is even higher in the acute and post-acute care settings.^{1,2}

Malnutrition is defined as a nutritional imbalance, including under-nutrition and over-nutrition and is frequently present in individuals who are hospitalized. To have malnutrition can contribute to a cycle of poor health, including increased risk of chronic disease, falling risk, and loss of independence.

To best standards of care, tools, and best practices to address malnutrition have not been systematically adapted across care settings, and coordination amongst medical and non-medical address to improve individual nutrition needs have been limited. To address this social determinant of health, a limited number of healthcare and community-based providers are developing and testing innovative approaches through which they can better identify and care for the nutrition needs of malnourished individuals in traditional care settings.

Aim Statement

Identify innovative models being introduced in the hospital, primary care, and community care settings to address malnutrition-related social determinants of health through better delivery of high-quality, coordinated care to individuals at risk of malnutrition and the delivery across different care settings, and outline shared learning across models that can be scaled to other settings of care.

Approach

Recognizing the impact of malnutrition on individual ability to prevent disease, maintain true health, and lead true life or thrive, Avalere Health and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics sought to contribute to further progress in identifying the social determinants of health and opportunities to further improve it. We performed a targeted literature search of what and how models are being used to address individual nutrition needs (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Literature Search Approach



We then used information in the grey literature to engage with three organizations who are leading innovative efforts to address individual nutrition needs across acute, post-acute, and community settings. We performed a targeted literature search of what and how models are being used to address individual nutrition needs (Figure 1). We then used information in the grey literature to engage with three organizations who are leading innovative efforts to address individual nutrition needs across acute, post-acute, and community settings. We performed a targeted literature search of what and how models are being used to address individual nutrition needs (Figure 1).

Limited Efforts to Address Individuals' Nutrition Needs Across Care Settings

Findings from the literature review suggest the provision of nutrition evaluation and assessment is commonly lacking. They also highlight the need for malnutrition risk assessment and management as patients are transitioning between care settings (e.g., acute change to home or post-acute care) to improve patient outcomes (e.g., reduce mortality, improve function) and reduce adverse clinical events.³

While malnutrition exists to address malnutrition in the acute care setting, such as the Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative,⁴ there are no quality improvement programs specifically focused on addressing malnutrition or malnutrition risk by improving nutrition care in the post-acute or community care setting. Programs that do exist have a broader focus, such as post-acute care nutrition, diabetes education, or efforts to improve healthy behaviors and healthy individuals as one component of the intervention and have been found to have limited effectiveness and impact.⁵

Three Models to Improve Care Coordination

Recognizing the limited efforts to date to identify, manage, and coordinate care for patients' nutrition needs across care settings, we sought to understand the key elements of three successful care models identified that are currently being implemented to enhance patients' nutrition and address their social determinants of health. Each of our approaches have the goal of helping the individual maintain good nutrition to support optimal health and to the extent possible, avoid hospital admission or readmission or premature admission to a nursing home.

For each model, we evaluated how the organization conducts training and nutrition care, patient education and patient/caregiver training, and patient/caregiver needs for care coordination and coordination. The figures below provide an overview of the approach in an acute care setting, the University of Maryland LMC Medical Center, US a primary care group practice, and CDC community support organization and patient pathway between Acute and Post-Acute Settings, intended to address individual nutrition needs.



Figure 2 reflects how the clinicians at the LMC Medical Center are working with an interdisciplinary team to better incorporate malnutrition care into patient care transitions through improved patient engagement, data sharing, and care delivery models and the use of Care Management LMC Medical Center is incorporating the pilot across both its inpatient setting and its outpatient clinic.

Figure 3: Integration of Malnutrition Care into UNIC Medical Center Discharge Process



Figure 3: Interventionists have a primary care physician group is working to better identify and manage patients at risk of malnutrition through improved patient screening, patient education, care coordination, and the use of technology to identify patients likely to arrive and support patients prior to the clinician's office and once they arrive.



Figure 4: Interventionists from Acute and Post-Acute Settings, Avalere Health, care coordinators, and technology to better identify and transition or plan for malnutrition social concerns that could put an individual at risk of malnutrition and other health problems.

Figure 4: Integration of Nutrition and Social Services into Avalere Health on Virtual Care Coordination Model



Following review of each of these models, we sought to identify common elements that would effectively identify and management of individual nutrition needs to help the individual remain in the community setting. While the settings of care differ, each model shared similar core components (Figure 5).

Figure 5: Key Elements for Successful Models to Identify and Manage Individual Nutrition Needs



Conclusion: Scaling Models Intended to Address Malnutrition and Other Social Determinants of Health

Considering the increasing prevalence of patients with chronic medical conditions and the growing focus on social determinants, it is anticipated that the demand on providers, clinicians, and other community support organizations to improve preventive steps to reduce malnutrition in patients will continue to increase in the future.⁶ The three models highlighted here have the potential to be scaled to other healthcare and community-based providers looking to address malnutrition as a social determinant of health. Specifically, these three models demonstrate targeted approaches to supporting care coordination and care transitions for malnourished patients that go beyond traditional malnutrition screening and risk assessment. These models provide a targeted approach to malnutrition care that is focused on the individual patient's needs and social determinants of health. The primary goal of these models is to improve patient outcomes (e.g., reduce mortality, improve function) and reduce adverse clinical events.³ The three models highlighted here have the potential to be scaled to other healthcare and community-based providers looking to address malnutrition as a social determinant of health. Specifically, these three models demonstrate targeted approaches to supporting care coordination and care transitions for malnourished patients that go beyond traditional malnutrition screening and risk assessment. These models provide a targeted approach to malnutrition care that is focused on the individual patient's needs and social determinants of health. The primary goal of these models is to improve patient outcomes (e.g., reduce mortality, improve function) and reduce adverse clinical events.³

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Examples of Projects Shared

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Enculturing Nursing Bedside Shift Report Through Shared Leadership and PDSA Methodology

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Background / Problem

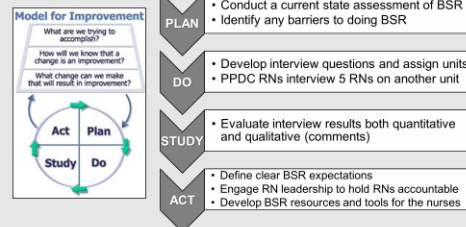
Prior to 2013 our nurses utilized a Voicecare recording system for shift report. With Voicecare's discontinuation, report was given face-to-face with encouragement for report at the patient bedside. A July 2016 audit revealed however, that since 2013 only three (14%) nursing units conducted bedside shift report (BSR) consistently. As a result, the Shared Leadership Professional Practice and Development Council (PPDC) adopted Bedside Shift Report as a focus for improving nursing practice. PPDC partnered with an Improvement Specialist to develop improvement strategies to help enculture and sustain Bedside Shift Report as "routine" nursing practice.

Aim

To increase occurrence of nursing bedside shift report as evidenced by HCAHPS survey Top Box Scores

Strategy

The Professional Practice and Development Council engaged the assistance of an Improvement Specialist to use an organized process improvement methodology to improve the BSR practice. As a result, a PDSA process was utilized as follows:



Current State

- Based on interviews of a total of 104 RNs on all 21 nursing units:**
- 14% units (3 of 21) consistently conducted BSR 100% of time
 - 63% of RNs (66 of 104) were comfortable doing BSR
 - 58% of RNs (60 of 104) said unit leaders held staff accountable
 - 70% of RNs (73 of 104) said they do visual inspection in room together

BSR Barriers Included:
takes too long, too many interruptions, patients sleeping, RN assignments, RN resistance, unit leaders don't enforce, HIPAA issues

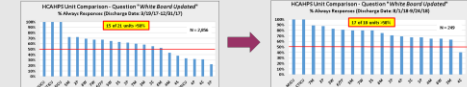
- The PPDC Concluded:**
- Bedside Shift Report expectations need defined
 - Need to be REALISTIC
 - Patient Safety is imperative
 - Accountability needs to happen
 - Teamwork with other positions on unit must occur (roles/responsibilities)

Actions

- PPDC defined BSR minimum elements and expectations
 - Minimum Elements:**
 - RN face-to-face handoff outside room
 - Safety check together inside room
 - Update communication whiteboard
 - Inform patient of plan of care for the day and see if questions
 - Expectations:**
 - BSR conducted every day at every shift change by every nurse
 - Unit Directors reinforce, follow-up, and hold nurses accountable to do BSR consistently as defined
- PPDC defined roles to promote teamwork for BSR
 - It's a TEAM effort** ...promoting patient safety
 - Team Effort Goals:**
 - Add new patient to rounds to enhance
 - Advance time (efficiency)
 - Limit disruptions to RN
 - Ensure patient safety
 - Make sure everyone is doing their part - each of us driving accountability
- BSR content checklists created for ICUs, Med/Surg, and Oncology units
- PPDC set a target date for all RNs to comply with defined BSR
- BSR information was communicated to all Shared Leadership Councils
- Unit Directors conducted BSR observations with real time reinforcement
- HCAHPS's adopter questions were added to patient satisfaction surveys
 - "At the change of shift my off going nurse and oncoming nurse discussed my care at my bedside"
 - "The whiteboard in my room was updated regularly"
- A script was developed utilizing key words for both RNs to utilize
- July 2018 "Article of the Month" focused on BSR for CPEUs

Outcomes

- Whiteboard Updated increased from 56% to 73%
Top Box scores (\uparrow 17%)
- Bedside Shift Report increased from 31% to 50%
Top Box scores (\uparrow 19%)



Whiteboard Updated increased from 15 units to 17 units >50% Top Box



Bedside Shift Report increased from 3 units to 8 units >50% Top Box
(*Note: Total unit volume differs pre- vs post-data due to ICU discharges with HCAHPS surveys returned)

Future Considerations

- Revise minimum expectations to be true report at the patient bedside
- Add BSR to RN orientation and preceptor checklist
- Create a BSR patient-centered brochure to distribute upon admission
- Conduct BSR competency checks utilizing standard checklist

Improvement Specialist supported by a generous grant from the Shadyside Hospital Foundation



Current Dissemination Opportunities

FNCE CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



- Submissions close on February 15th
- Late-breaking Submissions open May 1st and close May 30th
- Accept submissions in categories of:
 - Research
 - Project or Program
 - Innovation
- Electronic submission process
- All abstracts accepted will be published in the October issue of the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*
- Expected to attend FNCE
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- Submissions close on March 1st
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- Electronic submission process
- Work (*project outcomes*) should be current and not >2 years from the time of submission
- Work is allowed to have been presented/published elsewhere within past year
- Symposium attendance is not required
- First place project author receives FREE symposium registration (\$360 value)
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- Have you initiated a malnutrition quality improvement project?
- Do you have multidisciplinary team key learnings, data integration and process outcomes, or research outcomes to share?
- Consider submitting an abstract for publication in a special Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative (MQii) Supplement to the September 2019 *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*.
- The Supplement will feature abstracts documenting the importance of multidisciplinary malnutrition quality improvement in clinical practice and its impact on process and research outcomes.

More Details to be Announced Soon...

Webinar on Friday, March 1st

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Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo	February	October Same Year
GSA Annual Scientific Meeting	March	November Same Year
The European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism	April	September Same Year
SMDM Annual North American Meeting	May	October Same Year
American Society on Aging (Aging in America Conference)	October	April Following Year
ASPEN 2018 Nutrition Science & Practice Conference	October	March Following Year
Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Annual Forum	September	December Same Year
AMDA Annual Conference (Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine)	November	March Following Year
American Society for Nutrition (ASN) Annual Meeting	February	June Same Year
National Association for Healthcare Quality Next – Annual Conference	January	September Same Year
SHM Annual Conference	December	March Following Year
American Geriatric Society Annual Meeting	December	May Following Year

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Conference	Impact Factor*
Applied Health Economics and Health Policy	1.03
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Journal of Informatics in Health and Biomedicine (JAMIA)	3.69
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Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (JPEN)	3.15
Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (JAND)	2.44
The American Journal of Managed Care	2.74
The Journal of Nutrition	4.15
Value in Health	3.82

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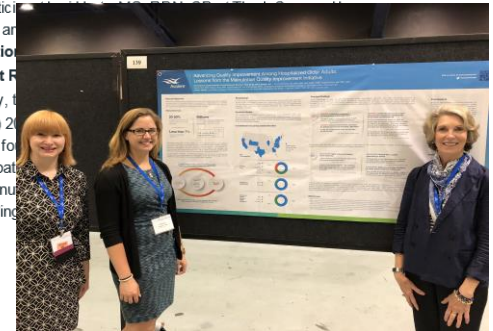
Learning Collaborative

September 28, 2018

The Dish

Testing a New Malnutrition Screening Tool

MQii Learning Collaborative participants and colleagues recently published an article in *Nutrition* on “ThedaCare Nutrition Risk Screen 2002.” Specifically, the article focused on the Nutrition Risk Screen (NRS) 2002 for malnutrition. Their research focused on the use of the NRS 2002 (i.e., improved ability to identify patients at low risk for malnutrition) and the findings of their study. For more about Lori’s study and findings, click here.

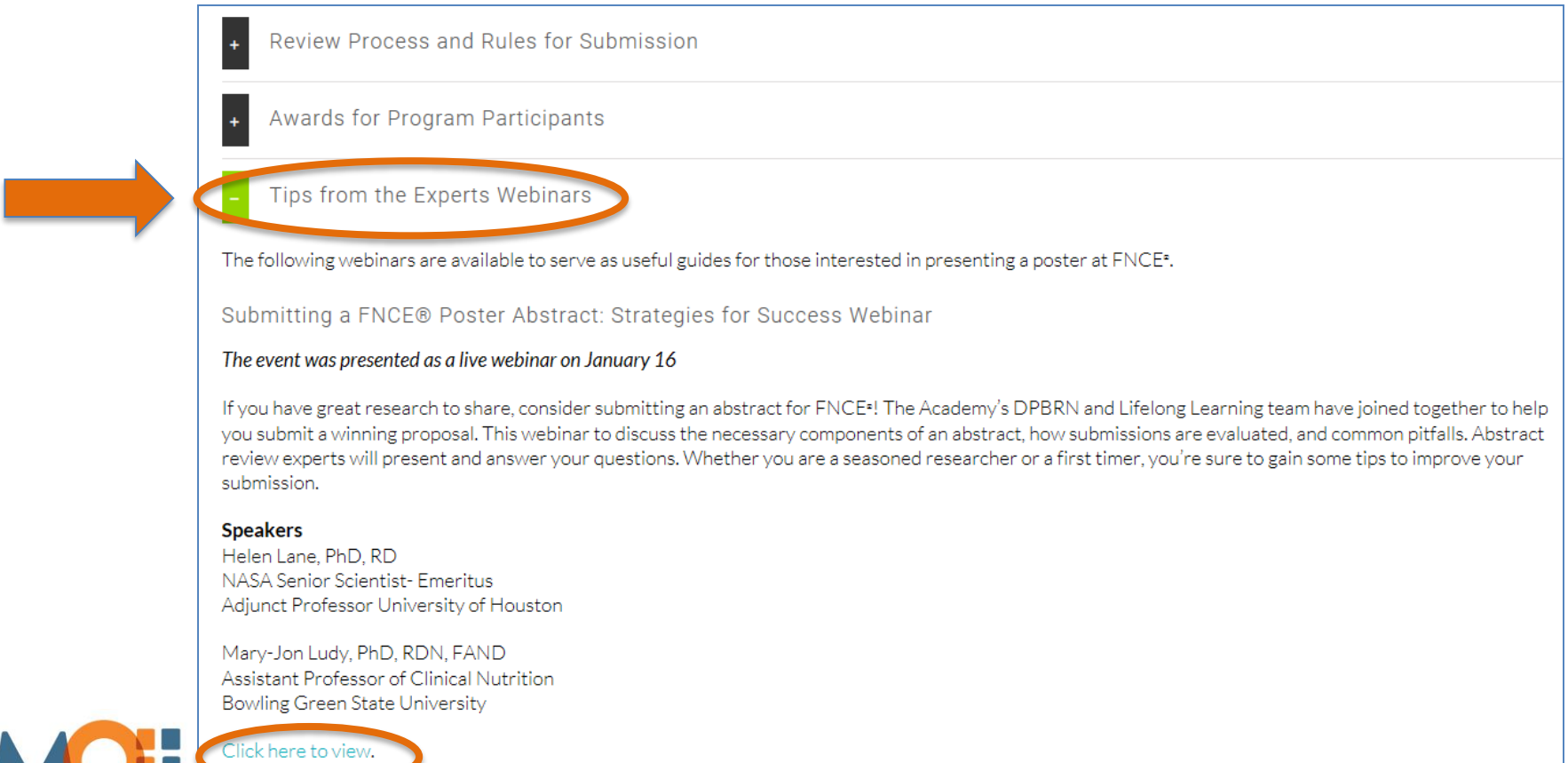


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Speakers

Helen Lane, PhD, RD
NASA Senior Scientist- Emeritus
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