
CEO'S REPORT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING
MAY 27, 2022

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The following are activity highlights since March.

National Academies of Practice

The Academy has been asked to join the National Academies of Practice (NAP). In June, I am meeting with representatives of NAP to discuss our common goals and collaborative possibilities. NAP is a nonprofit organization founded in 1981 to advise governmental bodies on the healthcare system and recognize exemplary careers in healthcare. It is an interprofessional group of healthcare practitioners dedicated to supporting affordable, accessible, coordinated quality healthcare comprised of multiple academies: Allopathic and Osteopathic Medicine, Audiology, Athletic Training, Dentistry, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Podiatric Medicine, Psychology, Social Work, Speech-Language Pathology and Veterinary Medicine.

IPEC Board Activities

As a member of the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) Board, I am honored to serve among other distinguished colleagues representing the Association of American Medical Colleges, American Dental Education Association, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health. We meet twice a month and are currently focused on developing the agenda for the next IPEC Member Meeting planned for June 27, 2022 in Washington, DC. Topics for the member meeting include an update on IPEC initiatives, panel discussion on promoting resilience, empathy and well-being in the health professions, and advancing IPE for collaborative practice. I recommended speakers on the topics of Interprofessional Approaches to Addressing Stress and Burnout in Healthcare; Advancing Practice Through Partnerships, Interprofessional Education, and Simulation; and Self-Care for Health Professionals.

Academy's Advocacy Efforts During Infant Formula Shortage

- Key information and resources for professionals are available in the Academy's new Infant Formula Safety hubs on [eatright](#) and [eatrightPRO](#) websites. The Academy's advocacy efforts on this important issue are ongoing and include direct advocacy with Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and the White House Domestic Policy Council. In addition, the Academy has been meeting with congressional leaders and working with partner organizations to address the shortages.
- Academy members are encouraged to submit stories that demonstrate the impact of shortages on infant nutrition security which will be compiled and shared with congressional leaders prior to the May 25 Oversight and Investigation hearing.
- In addition to our efforts with the Biden Administration and Congress, the Academy calls on communities to continue to play a central role in communicating with parents and mobilizing formula stock that may exist at hospitals and medical offices to increase access.
- Employers have been asked to provide support for caregivers who are able to pump and breastfeed by ensuring unpaid break times and locations that are private and clean to pump or feed infants. While federal legislation requires most employers to provide unpaid break

time, we ask that all families be supported with workplace accommodations, flexible leave and access to lactation professionals.

- Finally, insurance providers are encouraged to reduce the burden necessary to provide non-formulary specialty formulas by streamlining authorization requests.
- Academy members are invited to join the Maternal and Child Health Affinity Group to further engage on this issue. The affinity groups meet once a month and are a forum-based event where staff, policy leaders and members discuss Academy advocacy priorities and strategies, share their experience and determine how they can become involved in advocating.

Global Malnutrition Composite Score Published in CMS Proposed Rule

The success of the Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative continues. After substantial effort by the Academy and our members, the Academy-stewarded Global Malnutrition Composite Score was recently published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. CMS’s proposed rule for inpatient and long-term hospitals builds on key priorities to advance health equity and improve maternal health outcomes. For future data submission and reporting, CMS is proposing to adopt the Global Malnutrition Composite Score eCQM as part of the Hospital IQR Program measure set. Hospitals can self-select beginning with the calendar year 2024 reporting period and Fiscal Year 2026 payment determination, and for subsequent years.

In addition, CMS’s 2022 “Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule” includes a Food Insecurity Improvement Activity for the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System titled “Implement Food Insecurity and Nutrition Risk Identification and Treatment Protocols.” This improvement activity is subcategorized as “Achieving Health Equity” and focuses on creating, improving and implementing protocols to identify and provide support to patients with or at risk for food insecurity, and patients with or at risk for poor nutritional status.

Presenting at ACPM: Eating Equitably

Academy members and RDNs Bonnie Jortberg and Tina Kumra will present in June at the American College of Preventive Medicine’s Preventive Medicine 2022 conference in Denver. They will speak on “Eating Equitably: Filling the health equity gap by integrating nutrition care into the prevention and management of diet-related conditions.” The session proposal was submitted by the Primary Care Provider Association Advisory Board, led by the Academy, which develops and implements strategies at the national level that promote successful collaboration between RDNs and primary care providers at the local level.

Key Outcome on Strategic Plan Focus Area: Nutrition Care and Health Systems

The [Commission on Cancer’s \(CoC\) Accreditation Committee](#), where member and RDN Barbara Grant serves as the Academy’s liaison, approved a new nutrition standard beginning January 1, 2023, for American College of Surgeons CoC Pediatric Cancer Programs: Standard 4.7 Oncology Nutrition Services. This standard states that pediatric oncology nutrition services are provided on site or by referral by an RDN who has the knowledge and skills to address nutrition and hydration requirements throughout the continuum of cancer care. The Academy is honored to continue the relationship with The Commission on Cancer (CoC). Academy member and RDN Renee Stubbins will replace Barbara Grant when her liaison term ends this October.

Trinity Health System Nutrition and Wellness Advisory Council

Member and RDN William Swan is the Academy's representative to the Trinity Health System Nutrition and Wellness Advisory Council. Trinity Health is part of CommonSpirit Health, a not-for-profit Catholic health system operating 142 hospitals in 21 states. William has served on the Council's Nutrition Advisory Subcommittee since 2017 as a non-voting member, providing input to adoption of policies and procedures and guidance on integration of Academy resources in clinical nutrition and wellness. Activities in the past two years include the following.

- Provided self-study CPE program in 2020 on social determinants of health relationship to value-based, which was presented live on June 16, 2020
- Presented CPE program about Nutrition Care Manual features that support client-centered care and branding (organizational and professional) on April 20, 2022
- Promoted Academy resources which supported staff development, outpatient services, telehealth, IDDSI implementation and end of life care
- Promoted Academy resources including HL7 standards to support Trinity Health EMR conversion
- Promoted volunteering at the affiliate and national levels of the Academy to Trinity Health colleagues

Academy's Input: GAO Looks at Supplemental Medicare Advantage Data

The U.S. Government Accountability Office, under a provision of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, is looking at supplemental benefits provided to enrollees in Medicare Advantage plans. The office reached out to the Academy for input, particularly on encounter data on supplemental benefits reported to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The Academy replied to GAO's questions specific to coding and billing, associated challenges, and gaps in CPT/HCPCS codes. The Academy advocated for coverage for services provided by RDNs that support and complement meal benefits.

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Wins Prestigious Hermes Awards

The Academy's Product Strategy & Development, Clinical Content Strategy, and Marketing teams are award recipients of the 2022 Hermes Creative Awards competition.

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- ***Nutrition & Diagnosis – Related Care, Ninth Edition***
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Gold

- ***Health Professional's Guide to Nutrition, Diabetes, and Pregnancy***
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- ***Inside NCM® E-Newsletter***
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Academy Names VP of Human Resources, Culture and Diversity

I have promoted Carrolyn Patterson to Vice President of Human Resources, Culture and Diversity. Carrolyn has been on staff for over 21 years, serving in recent years as Senior Director of Human Resources and Office Services. She holds both a BA in public administration and an MBA in Human Resources and Personnel Administration. Carrolyn will continue to lead the Academy's HR efforts with an enhanced focus on culture and diversity. She ensures pathways forward for all people within the organization to demonstrate and accelerate our commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity and access. We look forward to working closely with her to achieve the Academy's diversity goals.

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