

Advancing the Academy's Quality Initiatives

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Abstract

Relevance: Building on the tactics plan of the 2013 Quality Strategies Taskforce, work continued on design and implementation of learning modules, and the Quality Leader Alliance launch.

Background: After presenting an Executive Summary and Recommendations for Academy Quality Strategies detailing 3 goals with tactics to the House Leadership Team March 2014 and subsequently submitted in July 2014 to the Board of Directors, the QMC reformed the Taskforce to a Quality Strategies Workgroup (QSWG) with the charge: Modify and implement Taskforce tactics; prioritize strategies to represent quality improvement and performance measurement; and execute tasks pertaining to the Academy becoming a measure steward.

Methods: The QSWG produced two education modules; the first emphasized quality initiatives for healthcare practitioners and the second focused on quality objectives for educators and students. A module outline was developed and discussion occurred monthly for presentation specifics and marketing tactics.

Results: The two-part modules (four 15 minute) developed to instruct practitioners, educators and students on current and future quality strategies qualify for one continuing professional education credit after viewer successfully completes quiz. Website modules were marketed via Academy media channels.

Conclusion: Tools were developed to educate RDNs and NDTRs on National Quality Strategy opportunities to improve quality in their practice. Formation of a quality improvement leader network from RDN practitioners with quality focus.

Objectives

QSWG Charge:

1. Develop, modify, and implement the quality strategy tactics identified by the Quality Strategies Taskforce and adopted by the Quality Management Committee in its program goals. These tactics should continue to represent strategies in the areas of quality improvement, performance improvement and measurement.
2. Purposefully prioritize the recommendations in order to accomplish each tactic in an efficient and sustainable manner. While at the same time, collaborating and pooling resources with key stakeholders to minimize the duplication of efforts.
3. Participate in and execute tasks pertaining to the Academy becoming a measure steward; malnutrition electronic measures development; and the Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative (MQII).



Methods

- The Quality Strategies Workgroup was convened with monthly conference calls and annual face-to-face meeting
- Implementation tactics were developed according to the QMC goals:
 1. Lead the development of food, nutrition and dietetics national quality measures to support regional/national initiatives and demonstrate impact.
 2. Optimize credentialed nutrition and dietetics practitioners utilization of the National Quality Strategy (NQS), quality concepts, quality improvement and quality measures.
 3. Build relationships, establish links, and connect people (internally and externally) to learn, improve, and innovate.

Results

The Quality Strategies Modules were released late 2015 to the Quality Strategies developed webpage and are available at: www.eatrightpro.org/qualitystrategies

- Quality Strategies Overview: Dietitians in Healthcare
- Quality Strategies: Impact on RDNs & NDTRs

The Quality Leader Alliance (QLA) was established in Spring 2016. The QLA will allow individuals to network with each other as well as collect and develop quality resources to establish an inventory for Academy membership to utilize. Learn more at www.eatrightpro.org/qla.

The Quality Strategies Workgroup will take part in the first Quality Symposium at FNCE 2016 Boston, on Monday, October 17, 2016 from 1:30-5:00 pm.

Call to Action

Learn and Increase your knowledge of Quality Strategies by:

- Watching the Quality Strategies Modules
- Visiting the Quality Strategies webpage
- Keeping abreast of the latest quality news via Academy media sources
- Becoming familiar with the QLA and aspire to join during the open enrollment period

Join the Quality Leader Alliance



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