Re: Malnutrition in Hospitalized Adults

Dear Dr. Brady,

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (the “Academy”) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality on Malnutrition in Hospitalized Adults, published on October 30, 2020. Representing more than 107,000 registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs), nutrition and dietetic technicians, registered (NDTRs), and advanced-degree nutritionist researchers, the Academy is the largest association of food and nutrition professionals in the United States and is committed to combating malnutrition through the transformative power of food and nutrition. RDNs provide nutritional interventions and coordinate care for patients identified as malnourished in an acute care setting.

The Academy supports the mission of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to produce evidence to make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable, and to work within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and with other partners to make sure that the evidence is understood and used. The Academy has listed below supplemental evidence to further support ARHQ’s systematic review and answer key questions that will aid in the development of quality measures related to malnutrition in hospitalized adults.

I. What is the association between malnutrition and clinical outcomes among hospitalized patients?


II. What is the effectiveness of screening or diagnostic assessment for malnutrition among hospitalized adults?


8. Mordarski BA, Hand RK, Wolff J, Steiber AL. Increased Knowledge, Self-Reported Comfort, and Malnutrition Diagnosis and Reimbursement as a Result of the Nutrition- Focused Physical Exam


**Conclusion**

The Academy appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality on Malnutrition in Hospitalized Adults. Please contact either Jeanne Blankenship by telephone at 312-899-1730 or by email at jblankenship@eatright.org or Hannah Martin by telephone at 202-775-8277 x6006 or by email at hmartin@eatright.org with any questions or requests for additional information.

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