

2026 VIRTUAL QUALITY SYMPOSIUM

Elevating Nutrition and Dietetics Practice through Data Collection and Quality Improvement

Agenda*

April 21, 2026

10:00 AM – 2:30 PM CT

10:00-10:03 AM CT

Welcome and Announcements

10:03-10:45 AM CT

Opening Session

Driving Excellence: The Impact of Quality and
Process Improvement in Nutrition and Dietetics

10:45–11:45 AM CT

General Session #1**

From Documentation to Outcomes: Chart
Smarter Not Harder

12:15-1:15 PM CT

General Session #2

Data Collection: Methodology is Key

1:15-1:45 PM CT

General Session #3

When Your Project Takes You in a Different
Direction

1:45 - 2:28 PM CT

Panel Discussion

Quality and Research in Real Life: A Panel
Discussion of Abstracts

2:28-2:30 PM CT

Recap and Reminders

April 28, 2026

10:00 AM – 2:30 PM CT

10:00-10:03 AM CT

Welcome & Recap

10:03-11:05 AM CT

General Session #4

Data Analysis: Taking your Project to the Next
Level

11:05-12:05 AM CT

General Session #5***

AI in Quality: Ethical Use to Enhance
Credentialed Practitioner's Value

12:30-1:30 PM CT

General Session #6

Quality and Process Improvement in Action –
Case Studies

1:30–2:28 PM CT

Closing Session

Putting it All Together: Top Research and QI
Tools that Support Process Improvement

2:28 – 2:30 PM CT

Closing

The CPE activity application for the 2026 Virtual
Quality Symposium is pending
CDR review and approval for 8 CPEUs.

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Speakers*

Moderators



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Day #1



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Opening Session



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General Session #1**



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General Session #2



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General Session #3



Amy Reed,
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Judith A. Beto,
PhD, RDN, FAND
Retired Faculty, Advisor, and Leader

General Session #4



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General Session #5***



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General Session #6



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Closing Session



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