2020 Quality Leader Alliance (QLA) Application

General Information
The Quality Leader Alliance is a cohort of individuals who perform an exceptional level of quality management activities in their practice setting that apply to the nutrition and dietetics profession. The Alliance will allow Quality Leaders to network with each other as well as communicate and educate professionals on quality management concepts and resources.

Please click the "Done" button in order to ensure that your application was completed. If you do not click this button, your information will not be saved and you will have to reenter the application. For more information about the Quality Leader Alliance, please visit www.eatrightpro.org/qla. For questions about the Quality Leader Alliance, please email quality@eatright.org.

1. Please state your name (first/last):

2. What is your email address?
3. What is your focus area of practice? Check all that apply:

- Clinical Nutrition - acute care/inpatient
- Clinical Nutrition - ambulatory care/outpatient
- Clinical Nutrition - long term care
- Community Nutrition
- Food and Nutrition Management
- Consultation and Business
- Education
- Research
- Quality Improvement/Quality Management/Process Improvement
- Other (please specify)

4. What degrees have you earned? Check all that apply

- Doctoral Degree, Nutrition/Dietetics related
- Doctoral Degree, Other area
- Masters Degree, Nutrition/Dietetics related
- Masters Degree, Other area
- Bachelors Degree, Nutrition/Dietetics related
- Bachelors Degree, Other area
- Associates Degree, Nutrition/Dietetics related
- Associates Degree, Other area
5. Do you have any quality certifications? Check all that apply

- [ ] Lean/Six Sigma
- [ ] Certified in Healthcare Performance Improvement (CHPI)
- [ ] Certified Professional in Health and Hospital Administration (CPHHA)
- [ ] Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ)
- [ ] Certified Joint Commission Professional (CJCP)
- [ ] None
- [ ] Other (please specify)

6. Which belt level are you certified in?

- [ ] White Belt (CSSWB)
- [ ] Yellow Belt (CSSYB)
- [ ] Green Belt (CSSGB)
- [ ] Black Belt (CSSBB)
- [ ] Master Black Belt (MBB)
7. Are you a credentialed practitioner from the Commission on Dietetic Registration?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

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Certifications

8. Which CDR credential do you possess? Check all that apply

- [ ] Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)
- [ ] Nutrition and Dietetic Technician, Registered (NDTR)
- [ ] Board Certified Specialist in Pediatric Nutrition (CSP)
- [ ] Board Certified Specialist in Renal Nutrition (CSR)
- [ ] Board Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics (CSSD)
- [ ] Board Certified Specialist in Gerontological Nutrition (CSG)
- [ ] Board Certified Specialist in Oncology Nutrition (CSO)
- [ ] Board Certified Specialist in Obesity and Weight Management (CSOWM)
- [ ] Board Certified Specialist in Pediatric Critical Care Nutrition (CSPCC)
- [ ] Advanced Practice Certification in Clinical Nutrition (AP)
9. Do you have any other professional memberships? Check all that apply

☐ Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
☐ American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
☐ American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN)
☐ American Association for Ambulatory Healthcare
☐ American Health Quality Association
☐ Centers for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ)
☐ American Diabetes Association (ADA)
☐ American Association of Diabetes Educators
☐ Association for Healthcare Foodservice (AHF)
☐ National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ)
☐ None
☐ Other (please specify)
10. How many Quality Improvement Projects have you lead or participated in? (According to Academy's Definition of Terms, A Quality Improvement Project (QIP) is a set of related activities designed to achieve measurable improvement in a process of outcomes of care and/or service. A QIP should be a continuous process of learning, development and assessment, and part of a wider quality improvement program.)

- 0
- 1-2
- 3-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 15+

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Quality Improvement Project Description

11. Briefly describe one of your quality management/improvement projects or related work. (350 words or less):
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For your reference you may follow the example below:

EXAMPLE:
This Quality Improvement Project was provided with permission from the CNM DPG QPI Sub-Unit. For more examples, please visit their page.

Author: Sherri Jones
**Title:** Improving Nutrition Services in the Cancer Center Hospital Based Clinics

**Project Aim:** To improve the consistency of nutrition care and comply with the nutrition screening policy at the Hillman Cancer Center Hospital Based Clinics (HBCs) as evidenced by:

A 100% increase in the number of “at risk” ambulatory HBC patient assessments by a Dietitian in Fiscal Year 2012.

**Quality Indicators:**

1. Total number of patient assessments by the dietitian per month in all 8 HBCs
2. Comparison of average number of monthly patient assessments by the dietitian in FY11 and FY12
3. % Change in the number of patient assessments by the dietitian in the HBCs

**Opportunity:** TJC requires nutrition risk screening. Patients “at risk” should be assessed and receive nutrition intervention. At the Hillman, nursing screens and refers patients to dietitian. At Hillman HBCs however, nursing screens and provides nutrition intervention since a dietitian isn’t available. Procedure inconsistency and policy noncompliance was evident. This project addresses by adding a dietitian for HBC coverage.

**Methods:** Two step strategy implemented. Before obtaining additional dietitian, a Telehealth model was created; wherein nursing screens and forwards information on “at risk” patients to dietitian. Existing Hillman dietitians contacted patients and conducted telephone assessments. After additional dietitian onboard, they conducted in-person HBC patient assessments. Baseline and follow-up data was collected on number of HBC patient assessments by the dietitian(s) prior to/after additional dietitian FTE.

**Outcome:** Baseline data revealed monthly average of 2 HBC patient assessments by the dietitian in FY11. After dietitian added to HBCs, monthly average increased to 67 assessments in FY12, representing a 3,250% increase. With established program model, opportunity exists to add dietitians and spread nutrition services to other UPMC Cancer Centers.

**Conclusions:** Adding staff resources can promote consistent services and appropriate assignment of tasks. With administrative support and proper planning, barriers can be minimized.
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QIP Recognition

12. Have any of your Quality Improvement Projects been published?

☐ Yes
☐ No

13. Please list all the following selections that apply:

1. The article title, journal name, and journal volume and edition number

2. Trade magazine, edition, and/or a copy or link to the article

3. Published abstract or poster; where and when was it presented
14. Did you receive any awards or recognition for any of your Quality Improvement projects?

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. What awards or recognition have you received? Briefly describe


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Personal Statement and CV/Resume

16. Please give a short personal statement on why you should be considered for the QLA (250 words or less):


17. Please upload your CV or Resume here:

Choose File

No file chosen