Learning Objective: Develop a network of RDN and NDTR experts in the quality arena to engage, develop, and utilize quality strategy resources by the Academy’s Quality Management Committee (QMC).

Background: In 2016 the QMC and QSWG created the QLA, a cohort of individuals who perform an exceptional level of quality management activities to network, develop, communicate and educate practitioners on quality concepts and resources. From conceptualization to design and logistics, QSWG members established guidelines, policies and procedures, and in a 4 month period marketed, recruited, and selected 25 exceptional candidates to form the QLA.

Relevance: By fulfilling initiatives of the Quality Strategies Workgroup (QSWG), the Quality Leader Alliance (QLA) published the Quality Resource Collection and launched a series of Quality Improvement (QI) virtual huddles.

Results: In February 2017, the Quality Resource Collection was published with more than 100 various resources. This served to develop quality management knowledge and skills as a critical component of food, nutrition, and dietetics practice. The first QI virtual huddle ‘Quickinar’ was conducted in December 2017 with an overwhelming number of QLA members participating. Feedback through online evaluations was extremely positive.

Conclusion: As the quality paradigm sharply shifts towards practitioner accountability, QLA members are at the forefront educating and preparing their RDN and NDTR peers to seize the lead role in quality initiatives.

Call to Action: Learn and increase your knowledge of Quality Strategies by:
• watching the Quality Strategies Modules
• visiting the Quality Strategies Website
• becoming familiar with the QLA and aspire to join during the open enrollment period (March – April)

Webpages:
• www.eatrightpro.org/QualityStrategies
• www.eatrightpro.org/QLA