

# Improving the Practice of Nutrition Therapy in the Critically Ill: An International Quality Improvement Project

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NEWSLETTER



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## Disseminating the Survey Results

### Performance Reports

Soon after completion of data collection in May 2007 you will be provided with a benchmarked performance report for your site. These reports will help you to compare your performance to that of all other hospitals in the database and also to similar hospitals in your geographic region. You will also be able to compare your performance to the recommendations of the Canadian Nutrition Support Clinical Practice Guidelines.

These performance reports provide you with an excellent opportunity to identify your strengths and weaknesses, and to strategize with your colleagues on how to optimize nutrition therapies in your ICU. A sample site report,

together with tools and training kits to support quality improvement (QI) activities can be downloaded from our website ([www.criticalcarenutrition.com](http://www.criticalcarenutrition.com)).



### Summer Conference

The results of the International QI Project will be published in a peer-reviewed journal, and presented at an upcoming “state-of-the art” conference. The 6th Summer Conference in Intensive Care Medicine entitled “Nutrition as a Therapeutic Agent to Improve Critical Care Outcomes” is organized by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM) and will be held in Toronto, Canada on June 14-16th 2007. During this exciting conference, international experts will debate some of the most controversial issues in nutrition therapy today. Further details about the Summer Conference can be found at [www.sccm.org](http://www.sccm.org).

## Can I still participate if I am away from the ICU on 25 January 2007?

The answer is “yes”. Although this is a point-prevalence survey with the goal of simultaneously assessing nutrition practices in ICUs, we acknowledge that with over 200 participants from all regions of the world that it is not feasible for everyone to be available on 25 January 2006. Consequently you can start screening patients from 17 January

2007, and the online data entry system will remain open until 20 April 2007 for registration and daily data entry, and until 4 June 2007 for 60 day outcomes data.

If you are planning on attending **Clinical Nutrition Week in Phoenix, Arizona on 28-31 January 2007**, will be celebrating Australia Day on January 26th, or will be

away from the ICU on that day, please register yourself and your site online prior to 25 January 2007 and start screening patients when you return, or at your earliest convenience thereafter.

Please contact Naomi Jones, Project Leader, if you have any concerns regarding data collection procedures.

## Get Ready.....

Early in the new year you will be notified that the online user and site registration is active. After successful registration you will receive your username and password. You will need these to login to the secure website on 25th January 2007 and start entering patient data. In the meantime, please ensure that you have obtained local approval to participate in the International QI Project.

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*Thank you once again for your support, and we'd like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes for the holiday season.*