

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

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Register Now @ www.criticalcarenutrition.com

User and ICU site registration will open on 15 January 2007. We invite you to complete the registration process at your convenience, but you will need to ensure that you receive your username and create a password before you can access the survey and start entering patient data.

Registration involves the following *five easy steps*:

1. Go to www.criticalcarenutrition.com and click on the 'register' tab under the International Survey heading or directly access the site at <https://ceru.hpcvl.queensu.ca/CCN/>
2. Complete the questions about yourself.
3. Complete your login information. You will be prompted to select and confirm a password and complete a human user verification (i.e. type the characters you see in the box).
4. You will be sent an e-mail with your username, inviting you to register your ICU.

5. Click on the link provided. Login using your username and chosen password.
6. Complete the questions about your hospital and ICU.

You are now ready to begin entering patient data after 25 January 2007.

"Several Individuals are entering data for our ICU: Do we ALL need to register?"

No, the individual responsible for coordinating the survey at your site should take responsibility for this registration process. After successfully registering the ICU you will be provided with the option to 'grant permissions for this ICU to other users'. Simply click on this tab and enter the e-mail addresses of all other users. New users will receive a username and temporary password to access the survey. You are free to edit your user profile, ICU information, and grant permissions to other users at any time.

Get into the News

We believe that this International QI Project is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of optimizing nutrition therapy for the critically ill, and also to promote your own research activities as participants in the point prevalence survey. To this end, we encourage you to submit articles to your hospital or society newsletters, and local newspapers, informing others of your

participation in this initiative.

Press Release

To facilitate dissemination of this information we have prepared a template of a press release which can be downloaded from our website at www.criticalcarenutrition.com. The Public Affairs Department at your hospital may also be able to assist you with this task.

Nutrition Day 2007

Remember that 25 January 2007 also marks Nutrition Day in European Hospitals; an audit of nutrition practices on individual hospital wards (www.nutritionday.org). So encourage your non-ICU colleagues to take part and collaborate with you in improving nutrition therapy for all hospital patients.

Data Collection Forms

Thank you for your comments on the instruction manual and data collection forms. We have tried to be responsive to your feedback. As a result, some changes have occurred to these documents. Please make sure you have the latest version available at www.criticalcarenutrition.com or contact us directly. All forms can be printed and copied for completion during paper based data collection. The web-based tool mirrors these forms and can be viewed after User and ICU site registration.

Thank you for your interest in participating in the International QI Project. We wish you all the best with completing registration, data collection, and web-based data entry. Please contact us if you have any queries or need assistance.

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