

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

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Join Us at the Summer Conference

We are very excited by the prospect of the first conference to focus exclusively on nutrition in the critical care setting. The [6th Summer Conference in Intensive Care Medicine: Nutrition as a Therapeutic Agent to Improve Critical Care Outcomes](#) will be held at the Fairmont Royal York, Toronto, Ontario, Canada on 14-16th June, 2007. During three half-day sessions, this exciting conference will include international experts debating on the use of controversial nutrients, discussion of strategies for maximizing benefits and minimizing risks of nutrition therapy, and comparison of available international nutrition guidelines. Specifically, on Saturday, 16th June, Dr Daren Heyland will be presenting the preliminary results of the International QI Project.



Invitation to Lunchtime Meeting

During the conference, we'd like to take the opportunity to meet with you to express our thanks for your hard work and participation. We therefore wish to invite you to a lunch meeting to be held on [Friday, 15th June 2007](#).

After a social lunch, we will discuss the survey results and how to interpret the performance reports. We particularly want to hear about your experiences as survey participants, and your feedback on the usefulness of the performance report. Finally, we wish to brainstorm on how we can move forward and assist you in using the performance reports to improve nutrition practices at your ICU.

If you will be attending the Summer Conference and wish to join us at the lunchtime meeting, please e-mail Naomi Jones, Project Leader. Time and location will be confirmed closer to the event. To register for the conference go to www.sccm.org or call 1-847-827-6888. We look forward to meeting with you.

Completing Web-based Data Entry

Registration and data collection has now been ongoing for 2 months, and many of you have completed data entry for 20 patients. Congratulations, and thank you for being a part of this important endeavour.

We are also aware that, at some ICUs, local circumstances may have delayed registration. Remember that the web-based data entry system will remain open until 20th

April 2007 for daily data, and 4th June 2007 for outcomes data. If you still wish to be involved, but are concerned about these timelines, please contact Naomi Jones, Project Leader.

You are encouraged to enter patient data online in 'real time'. Once you have completed daily data for the first 12 days of ICU stay (or ICU discharge), you may need to wait until 60 days after ICU admission to complete the outcomes form and finalize the

patient. The patient status will remain 'In Progress' until you have completed the Outcomes form and addressed all the outstanding issues. Due to difficulties in collecting Apache II and Head of Bed elevation, a patients' status can still be 'Finalized' without these data elements. Please contact us if you have problems resolving any outstanding issues and finalizing a patient.

"Help, I've made a mistake!"

During web-based data entry you may realize that you have made an error and need to change the data you have entered. As a registered user, you can edit patient information by clicking on the 'edit' links on the Patient Status page. For daily data, click on the row corresponding to the appropriate study day or the 'Y' related to the EN/PN specific information. In rare circumstances, we will need to delete data on your behalf. Please contact, Naomi Jones, Project Leader, to request such changes.

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