

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

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Important Notice: **Deadline Extended**

The deadline for entry of daily data is fast approaching on Friday, April 20th 2007. We have been contacted by many of you, who, for various reasons are concerned about completing data collection and web-based data entry by this date. We understand the time commitment associated with your participation in this project and wish to support your involvement. Consequently, the deadline for entry of daily data has been extended to **Tuesday, May 1st 2007** for daily data entry and will continue to be June 4th 2007 for outcomes data.



What if I am unable to meet the new deadline?

The web-based data entry system will remain open after the May and June deadline dates. You will still be able to access your site information and enter data. ICU sites who are unable to meet the new deadlines will still receive a performance report and their data will be included in the final publication of the aggregated results.

Data for ICU sites who complete daily data entry for all patients by May 1st 2007 will be included in Dr Daren Heylands' presentation of the preliminary

results of the International QI Project at the **6th Summer Conference in Intensive Care Medicine: Nutrition as a Therapeutic Agent to Improve Critical Care Outcomes** in Toronto on **Saturday, June 16th 2007**. ICU sites who meet the deadlines will also receive their individual performance reports prior to the Summer Conference, and will therefore be able to discuss and provide feedback on the performance report during the **International QI Project lunchtime meeting** on **Friday, June 15th 2007**. The purpose of this lunchtime meeting is to hear about your experiences as participants in the International QI Project, to receive your feedback on the survey and the performance reports, and to brainstorm about future quality improvement initiatives. If you are planning on attending the Summer Conference, please join us at this lunchtime meeting even if you haven't completed data entry and received your performance report. If you are unable to attend the meeting, we are planning alternative methods of eliciting your feedback and plan to host similar events in the future.

Despite these changes in the deadlines, please endeavour to continue to finalize all patients in a timely manner. For those of you who have finalized all your patients, congratulations, and thank you for your participation.

If you have any queries regarding the new deadlines, the performance reports, or attending the lunchtime meeting at the Summer Conference, please e-mail Naomi Jones, Project Leader.

Check out www.criticalcarenutrition.com

To assist you with data collection and future dissemination of the survey results, we have developed numerous resources which are available on our website: www.criticalcarenutrition.com. These include past copies of the newsletters, frequently asked questions, instruction manual, sample site reports, tools and training kits. We welcome your feedback and ideas for other resources that would be valuable to you.

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