

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

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Data Entry System Still Open!

The deadline for entry of daily data is now past and the majority of you have, or are in the process of, finalizing your last few patients. As outlined in the April newsletter the web based data capture system will remain open until August 2007. However, all data that is in the database on **4th June 2007** will be included in the reporting of preliminary results and the first version of your individual benchmarked performance reports. However, if you do have outstanding patients on June 4th, please continue to enter the data and we will send you a revised site report when all your patients are finalized. Please endeavour to complete data entry as soon as possible. If you are encountering difficulties with data collection or data entry, please do not hesitate to contact Naomi Jones, Project Leader. For those of you who have finished the survey, congratulations, and thank you for all your hard work and support.

Only 1 Month Until the Summer Conference

Now that spring has finally sprung here in Canada we are getting excited at the prospect of welcoming some of you here during the **6th Summer Conference in Intensive Care Medicine: Nutrition as a Therapeutic Agent to Improve Critical Care Outcomes**, to be held at the Fairmont Royal York, Toronto, Ontario on 14-16th June 2007.

Please join us at this state-of-the art conference which is the first conference to focus exclusively on nutrition in the critical care setting. Don't miss this comprehensive program featuring a slate of distinguished faculty from around the world. Among those speaking is Dr Daren K Heyland, Director of the Clinical Evaluation Research Unit, here at Queen's University, Kingston, Canada. Dr Heyland will present three fascinating sessions: "Permissive Underfeeding in the Critically Ill Patient," "Guideline Development Process," and "Critical Care Nutrition Survey: Preliminary Results," as well as take part in a nine-panelist case study discussion to debate nutrition in the critically ill and injured.



Invitation To Lunchtime Meeting

On behalf of Dr Heyland I have the pleasure of inviting you to join us at the **International Nutrition QI Study Debriefing Session**, sponsored by Nestle Nutrition on **Friday, June 15th, 12.30-2.30pm**. We will be discussing quality improvement in the ICU. The purpose of this session is to receive feedback about the survey and individual site reports, and to brainstorm about strategies of improving the delivery of nutrition in our ICUs. If you are able to join us, please RSVP to Naomi Jones, Project Leader. We look forward to meeting you in Toronto.

Take advantage of the discount offered to CSCN, ASPEN, SCCM, ESICM, and CCCS members and register for the reasonable fee of \$445USD for physicians and \$250USD for healthcare professionals. But hurry, advance registration for the Summer Conference ends May 17th, 2007, thereafter, registrations will be accepted on site only. For additional information visit www.sccm.org or download a copy of the conference brochure from the www.criticalcarenutrition.com newsroom.

What Happens Next?

In June, you will receive your individual **benchmarked performance report**. We will ask you to verify this report with the data you entered, and to review your sites performance with your ICU colleagues. We will also be soliciting your feedback on both your experiences as participants in the survey and the usefulness of these reports. Your feedback is important to us and will be used to inform revisions to future surveys, performance reports, and website content.

Please note that Naomi Jones will be away May 14-25th inclusive and will respond to your e-mails on her return. In the interim, if you have queries regarding technical support (e.g. data deletion, outstanding issues), please contact Maxim Kovalev at MKovalev@cissec.com. For urgent enquiries during Naomi's absence please contact Rupinder Dhaliwal at dhaliwar@kgh.kari.net

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