International Nutrition Survey 2011

ASPEN’s Clinical Nutrition Week 2011

This year’s Clinical Nutrition Week will take place January 29 - February 1 2011 in Vancouver, Canada! There is an exciting program being offered, including a variety of critical care nutrition sessions. On Monday, January 31st, Naomi Cahill and Rupinder Dhaliwal from our Critical Care Nutrition Team are presenting a session on "Participation in the International ICU Survey." This learning session will provide attendees with the background and rationale for the survey, and the benefits of audit and feedback as a quality improvement strategy will be highlighted. Step by step instructions on how to become involved in the survey will be provided, and the individualized benchmarked site report received by each participating ICU will be reviewed. There will be a discussion on how to use these reports to identify opportunities for improvement and how to successfully implement strategies to improve nutrition practice. If you have participated in the International Nutrition Survey previously, we will encourage you to share some of your personal experiences!

We hope to see you there!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Wishing you and all of your coworkers, family, and friends a lovely holiday season filled with joy and peace.

-Dr. Heyland, Naomi, Lauren, and the rest of the CERU Team
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Improve your nutrition practice through understanding the barriers to feeding patients in your ICU!

In addition to auditing your nutrition practice, in this year’s survey, we are also encouraging sites to complete an assessment of barriers to feeding critically ill patients. This involves distributing a short online questionnaire to nurses, physicians and dietitians working in your ICU. The results of this questionnaire will be aggregated and presented in a report identifying in rank order the main barriers to providing adequate enteral nutrition at your site. Together with the information on your nutrition performance in your benchmarked site report, the results of this barriers assessment are invaluable in identifying the most appropriate quality improvement strategy to adopt to improve your nutrition practice.

Early in January, we will email all survey participants a copy of the barriers questionnaire and instructions on how to distribute the questionnaire at your site.

Note: Identifying barriers to optimal nutrition practices through participation in the barriers questionnaire in no way affects your Best of the Best ranking or score.

If you participate in both the nutrition audit and barriers assessment, as a token of appreciation we will provide you with $500 CAD towards attendance at a scientific meeting of your choice.