

## Modern History Updates



**T**HE HISTORY OF THE ACADEMY of Nutrition and Dietetics is constantly being written. The Academy's Modern History project has been a 5-year undertaking and, in several cases, years have passed since the articles were written. This section offers the reader a series of updates of major events in areas of the Academy between now and when this project began in 2012.

### 2012

- The Council on Future Practice submits a recommendation to the Academy Board of Directors (BOD) to create a new recognition program similar to the discontinued Fellow of the American Dietetic Association program focused on professional achievements and contributions.
- The Council on Future Practice publishes "2012 Visioning Report: Moving Forward – A Vision for the Continuum of Dietetics Education, Credentialing and Practice," providing direction for preparing students in the future. Using the report as the foundation, the House of Delegates (HOD) conducts dialogue on the continuum of education, credentialing, and practice, to help the profession move forward with advanced practice.
- The Academy and the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition collaborate to develop and publish a joint consensus statement on "Characteristics Recommended for the

Identification and Documentation of Adult Malnutrition," representing a paradigm shift in clinical care.

- *Food & Nutrition Magazine* launches the Stone Soup guest blog, which serves to elevate registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) as sources of health information and recipes, and to promote bloggers who otherwise may not have as much exposure in the crowded food blog space. In 2017, *Food & Nutrition Magazine* receives an American Society of Healthcare Publication Editors Silver Award in the Best Blog category for Stone Soup.
- Approval of the Center of Excellence Award concept by the BOD. Work begins on the Standards of Excellence for organizational self-assessment.
- The Quality Management Committee and its Definition of Terms Workgroup revises, reformats, and publishes the Academy Definition of Terms List.
- The Scope of Practice Decision Tool is presented and demonstrated to the HOD in Philadelphia, PA. The online interactive Scope Tool launches in 2013 with complementary learning modules.
- Developing new and revising current Standards of Practice and Standards of Professional Performance for RDNs in focus areas and practice levels of competent, proficient, and expert is ongoing with documents published in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*.

### 2013

- The Academy Foundation's Energy Balance 4 Kids with Play 2-year program begins in West Contra Costa Unified School District in Richmond, CA. Registered Dietitian (RD) Coaches work

with K-6th-grade students and lead school wellness committees to enhance the school wellness environment.

- The Foundation releases the "Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education" (GENIE) as a validated online checklist tool. GENIE identifies characteristics associated with strong nutrition education programs and allows program planners to complete an online self-assessment at <http://sm.eatright.org/GENIE>.
- The Foundation's RD Parent Empowerment Program is made available to members. The program consists of four interactive monthly parent workshops, and downloads include a leader guide, parent guidebooks (in English, Spanish, and Chinese), and other support materials to help members successfully implement the program in their communities.
- RD Coaches work with 70 schools in Iowa on implementing changes, including increasing nutrition education, physical education time, improving the nutritional quality of school meals, and adopting wellness policies to apply for the US Department of Agriculture's prestigious Healthier US School Challenge award.
- The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, Commission on Dietetic Registration, Council on Future Practice, Education Committee, and Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors dietetic practice group (DPG) meet to discuss the interrelated continuum of education, credentialing, and practice. As a result of this meeting, the Council on Future Practice publishes the "Council on Future Practice Visioning Report and Consensus Agreement for

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Moving Forward the Continuum of Dietetics Education, Credentialing, and Practice.”

- The Council on Future Practice publishes “A Future-Focused Vision for a New Model of Differentiated Entry-Level and Dietetics Practice,” defining and differentiating the practice roles, knowledge, and skills of the associate degree–, baccalaureate degree–, and graduate degree–prepared nutrition and dietetics practitioner for use by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics in standard development.
- The Academy hosts a meeting of representatives from primary care provider associations to explore opportunities and challenges associated with integrating RDNs into new primary care–led health delivery models. A roadmap for collaboration is developed, and the Primary Care Provider Association Advisory Board is created to implement the roadmap.
- *Food & Nutrition Magazine* begins publishing bimonthly (previously published quarterly).
- On October 20, 2013, the official hashtag of the Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo trends nationally on Twitter.
- The Academy releases foundational Scope/Standards of Practice documents via a special June *Journal* Supplement publication:
  1. Scope of Practice in Nutrition and Dietetics
  2. Scope of Practice for the RD
  3. Revised 2012 Standards of Practice in Nutrition Care and Standards of Professional Performance for RDs
  4. Scope of Practice for the DTR
  5. Revised 2012 Standards of Practice in Nutrition Care and Standards of Professional Performance for DTRs
- Under the Academy’s stewardship, along with Avalere Health and Abbott as collaborators, the Academy with Avalere Health develops four malnutrition electronic clinical quality measures (eQMs) for hospitalized adults aged 65 years and older as part

of the Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative (MQii).

## 2014

- For the second year in a row, the Academy Foundation’s \$1 million in Champions for Healthy Kids grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations across the United States promoting healthy eating and active lifestyles targeted to kids and families.
- August 2014 marks the first annual Kids Eat Right Month. Kids Eat Right Month is a nutrition education, information sharing, and action campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation, and its Kids Eat Right program.
- Parents from 20 Iowa school districts participate in “Empowered Parents for School Wellness” Workshops led by Academy members to empower parents to be champions of school wellness.
- The Council on Future Practice develops a standardized process and guidelines for visioning and futures thinking. This new 3-year cycle process includes participation by all Academy organizational units.
- The Council on Future Practice approves a petition to develop a board certified specialist in weight management and forwards it to the Commission on Dietetic Registration for implementation.
- The Academy BOD approves restructuring committees to shift from separate designation as either an HOD, BOD, or joint BOD/HOD committee to uniform reporting to the BOD.
- The Academy, the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, and the American Academy of Pediatrics collaborate to develop and publish a joint consensus statement on “Indicators Recommended for the Identification and Documentation of Pediatric Malnutrition.”
- The BOD accepts the report from the Nutrition Services Payment Committee’s Patient-Centered Medical Home/Accountable Care

Organization (PCMH/ACO) Workgroup, outlining a set of recommendations regarding Academy strategies for advancing RDN involvement in PCMHs, ACOs, and other population health management models of care.

- The Academy starts offering affiliates the opportunity to contract for Affiliate Management Services with an Academy staff member. Projects range from short-term project support to year-round administrative management. As of June 1, 2017, the following associations or locations have participated in the program—American Overseas Dietetic Association, District of Columbia, Mississippi, North Dakota, North Carolina, Arizona, and Alabama.
- *Food & Nutrition Magazine* launches a free mobile app for members to access the magazine using their Apple, Android, or Amazon mobile devices. Also starting in 2014, members can receive continuing professional education units for reading each issue and completing a quiz.
- The Academy hosts its first National Nutrition Month Twitter chat to highlight RDNs and healthy eating messaging. On March 20, 2014, the hashtag #NNMchat trends nationally on Twitter.
- The official hashtag of the Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (#FNCE) trends nationally on Twitter for 3 consecutive days (October 19–October 21, 2014). The Academy further integrates social media into the Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo through real-time social media displays using the official #FNCE hashtag. FNCE attendees who use the hashtag are highlighted on the social media tickers.
- “Recommendations for Academy Quality Strategies” (Executive Summary and Goals, Strategies, and Initiatives) is approved by the Quality Management Committee and presented to the Academy BOD. The Quality Strategies Workgroup begins accomplishing priority initiatives in 2015.

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