

WRHA Acute Care Dietitian Practice Council Terms of Reference

Purpose:

1. To assure that the practice of acute care nutrition meets the highest professional standards and is in keeping with Dietitians of Canada's Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice and CDM Regulations.
2. To promote evidence based, best practice in the provision of clinical nutrition services in the Acute Care Sector of the WRHA and reflect the core values and mission of the WRHA and acute care facilities.
3. To provide leadership and promote collaboration in nutrition practice issues.
4. To provide a forum for nutrition practitioners to address and discuss nutrition practice issues.
5. To facilitate communication between WRHA dietitians and between practice councils.

Responsibilities:

1. To facilitate the development of nutrition standards of practice and service delivery guidelines.
2. To recommend regional implementation of acute care clinical nutrition standards of practice.
3. To develop and approve practice guidelines as they relate to pediatric clinical nutrition practices as per best practice guideline: "Nutrition Evidence Based Practice Tools: Process for Development, Evaluation and Approval 50.100.100".
4. To collaborate with WRHA Clinical Nutrition Quality Improvement Team on quality issues and to develop performance indicators as they pertain to pediatric nutrition care.
5. To participate in client education resource review/content approval as required.
6. To recognize and facilitate clinical nutrition research to further the knowledge of clinical nutrition practice in health care.

Membership:

Membership will consist of:

- Manager of Clinical Nutrition, Acute Care Sector
- Clinical Dietitians working in Acute Care in WRHA, minimum of one per site.

Term of Office:

Members shall serve a three-year renewable term.

Operational Guidelines:

1. Chairperson-Clinical Nutrition Manager, Acute Care Sector
2. An agenda and previous meeting minutes will be circulated prior to each meeting electronically.
3. Minute taker will be assigned on rotational basis.
4. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis or at the call of the chair.

5. Ad hoc committees (i.e. working groups) will be established as required.
6. Dietetic Interns or nutrition students may attend with preceptors.
7. Terms of Reference will be reviewed every two years.