

Terms of Reference

Long Term Care Dietitians Practice Council

Purpose:

1. To assure that the practice of long term care nutrition meets the highest professional standards and is in keeping with Dietitians of Canada's Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice and College of Dietitians of Manitoba Regulations.
2. To promote evidence based, best practice in the provision of clinical nutrition services in the Long Term Care Sector to meet Manitoba Health Personal Care Home Standards and reflect the core values and mission of the WRHA and Personal Care Homes.
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 potential strategies for regional implementation of long term care clinical nutrition standards of practice.

To develop and approve practice guidelines as they relate to clinical nutrition long term care services as per best practice guideline: "nutrition Evidence Based Practice Tools: Process for Development, Evaluation and Approval 50.100.1..".

3. To collaborate with WRHA Clinical Nutrition Quality Improvement Team on quality issues and to develop quality indicators as they pertain to long term care .

To participate in client education resource review/content approval as required.

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5. To recognize and facilitate clinical nutrition research to further the knowledge of clinical nutrition practice in long term care.
6. To investigate and offer opportunities for education in order to improve the dietitian's ability to apply best practice in the Long Term Care Sector.

Membership:

Membership will consist of:

- Manager of Clinical Nutrition, Long Term Care Sector
- Clinical Dietitians working in Long Term Care in WRHA
- Clinical Dietitians with interest in LTC Nutrition

Operational Guidelines:

1. Chairperson-Clinical Nutrition Manager, Long Term Care Sector
2. An agenda and previous meeting minutes will be circulated prior to each meeting electronically.
3. Dietitians may select attendance at one of two meetings offered within each quarter.
4. Additional meetings may be held at the call of the chair.
5. Ad hoc committees (i.e. working groups) will be established as required.
6. Terms of Reference will be reviewed every two years.
7. An annual report of activities will be provided to the PCH Executive Director.