Patient admitted to hospital

Conduct nutrition screening
Team member: Nurse
Timing: Within 24 hours of admission
Use validated tool? Y/N

Patient at risk for malnutrition?
Yes
Automated dietitian consult and malnutrition-risk diet order
Team member: Nurse
Timing: Immediately

*Per malnutrition-risk protocol, intervene with food and/or oral nutrition supplement within 24 hours to expedite malnutrition treatment and provide interim support unless contraindicated. Conduct nutrition assessment as soon as possible.

No
Continue to monitor and re-screen patients as indicated or every seven days to ensure no change in nutritional status. Complete nutrition assessment if patient is deemed at-risk.

Patient at risk for malnutrition?
Yes
Automated dietitian consult and malnutrition-risk diet order
Team member: Dietitian
Timing: Within 24-48 hrs. of screening
Use standardized tool? Y/N

Patient at risk for malnutrition?
No
Team member: Dietitian and other Care Team members
Timing: Immediately after diagnosis
*Following assessment, any active diet orders should be reevaluated

Patient malnourished?
Yes
Team member: Dietitian
Timing: Immediately after diagnosis
Preferences recorded? Y/N

Patient consulted on care and intervention preferences
Team member: Dietitian and other Care Team members
Timing: Immediately after diagnosis
*Following assessment, any active diet orders should be reevaluated

Yes
Malnutrition diagnosis recorded
Team member: Dietitian, physician, or other qualified Care Team member
Timing: Immediately after assessment
Recorded in EHR? Y/N

Patient care plan established
Team member: Dietitian and other Care Team members
Timing: Immediately after assessment

Implement care plan to maintain nutrition status
Team member: Dietitian and other Care Team members
Timing: Immediately after assessment

*Following assessment, any active diet orders should be reevaluated

Patient at risk for malnutrition?
No
Continue to monitor and re-screen patients as indicated or every seven days to ensure no change in nutritional status. Complete nutrition assessment if patient is deemed at-risk.

Patient care plan established
Team member: Dietitian and other Care Team members
Timing: Immediately after assessment

*Following assessment, any active diet orders should be reevaluated

Establish malnutrition Care Plan for post-discharge
Team member: All Care Team members
Timing: 24 hrs. prior to discharge

Patient monitoring, evaluation, and Care Plan updates as needed
Team member: All Care Team members
Timing: Duration of patient stay

Patient nutrition counseling and education on discharge
Team member: Dietitian and other Care Team members
Timing: 24 hrs. prior to discharge

Support care transition as appropriate
Team member: Dietitian, case manager, or nurse
Timing: Upon discharge

Team member: Dietitian and other Care Team members
Implementation of Care Plan
Initiate patient nutrition intervention (including diet modifications, education, and counseling)
Team member: Dietitian and other Care Team members
Timing: Within 24 hrs. of diagnosis
Dietitian order writing privileges? Y/N

Malnutrition diagnosis recorded
Team member: Dietitian, physician, or other qualified Care Team member
Timing: Immediately after assessment
Recorded in EHR? Y/N

Support care transition as appropriate
Team member: Dietitian, case manager, or nurse
Timing: Upon discharge

Key
- Care Team activity
- Joint activity between patient/family member or caregiver and Care Team
- Decision point

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