

## Evidence-Based Nutrition Practice Guidelines: NO EXTERNAL FUNDING

- Evidence-Based guideline development is funded by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy) and/or Academy Dietetic Practice Groups.
- Guidelines contain practice recommendations and algorithms/flow charts.

### Evidence Analysis Library Projects: Funding Contributions Accepted

- Funding to support evidence analysis library projects (summarizing the science) is primarily from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- External sources of financial support are accepted with full disclosure and acknowledgement.
- Safeguards are in place to preserve the integrity of the process.

Below is a chart that details the phases of the Academy Evidence Analysis Projects and potential interactions with Funding Contributors for each phase.

PROJECT PHASE	ACADEMY RESPONSIBILITIES	FUNDING CONTRIBUTOR (DPG, Govt, Industry, etc.) RESPONSIBILITIES
I. Selection	Announcements inviting applications for workgroup members are placed on the public pages of the EAL, accessible to everyone. All nominations are reviewed and the Academy's Evidence Based Practice Committee identifies the panel of experts for EAL Project.	<i>Funding Contributor</i> , at their expense for travel and lodging may have a representative attend an Academy evidence analysis analyst training workshop to learn more about the Academy's evidence-based process.
	Anyone can suggest topics – through the simple “contact us” form on the EAL, or by contacting Academy Staff. The expert workgroup appointed by the Academy Evidence Based Practice committee, will identify the topics/questions to direct the evidence analysis and specify the inclusion criteria for accepting a research article.	<i>Funding Contributor</i> , like Academy members and anyone else may nominate Academy members to be considered for expert panel. There is no guarantee that these nominees will be selected.
	Expert panel in conjunction with Lead Evidence Analyst and Academy staff conducts a literature review and selects research articles for evidence analysis which meet the inclusion criteria.	<i>Funding Contributor</i> , like Academy members and anyone else may submit new topics/areas of consideration to Academy Staff. Suggestions will be shared with the expert panel; however, the decision on whether to include the topics rests with the panel.
		<i>Funding Contributor</i> , like Academy members and anyone else may recommend research citations for consideration. Expert panel will determine if citations meet the established inclusion criteria.

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II. Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academy trained evidence analysts create evidence analysis worksheet for each piece of research identified by the expert panel.</li> </ul>	<b>No involvement</b> from <i>Funding Contributor</i> in this phase.
III. Synthesis	<p>Expert Panel formulates and grades the final conclusion statement and evidence summary for each question.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is accomplished during teleconferences scheduled once or twice each month. Usually 1-2 conclusion statements can be finalized per call.</li> <li><b>Meeting deliberations (whether by teleconference or in-person) are not open to anyone other than Academy staff, work group members, and evidence analysts.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Optional</b> (and at an additional cost to cover expenses): <i>Funding Contributor</i> may decide to fund an in-person one-or two-day workgroup meeting (includes travel, meals, expenses) to expedite the work of the project. .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This would allow expert workgroup to finalize multiple conclusion statements in a shorter time period (rather than through multiple teleconferences).</li> <li>Meeting would be attended only by workgroup Members, project leaders and Academy Staff. <b>No involvement or participation</b> of <i>Funding Contributor</i> in meetings or teleconferences.</li> </ul>
IV. Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key documents are posted on the website and available for use in creating guides and other Academy products and services.</li> </ul>	<i>Funding Contributor</i> may link to project's Conclusion Statements and supporting Evidence Summaries from <i>Funding Contributor's</i> website for 2 years.

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