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PURPOSE

The Evidence-Based Practice Committee (EBPC) oversees the development and dissemination of the Evidence Analysis Library (EAL) and related products. This includes development of systematic reviews, evidence-based nutrition practice guidelines, and all products based on the result of systematic reviews. The charge of the committee is to ensure that the work of the EAL is aligned with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' mission aimed at empowering members to be food and nutrition leaders, through research, education, and advocacy.

STRUCTURE

The committee is a joint House of Delegates (HOD) and Board of Directors (BOD) committee. At minimum, semi-annual reports will be provided to the HOD and BOD and will focus on the committee's program of work and project status.

COMPOSITION

The committee is comprised of ten (10) voting members including one liaison member representing the Board of Directors who serves the committee for one year. The Academy President-elect and Speaker-elect jointly appoint the committee for staggered three-year terms; and a vice-chair who is typically selected from among committee members who have served one year on the committee. The intent of the EBP committee is to represent a continuum of care and the voting members who have or are practicing in acute care, long-term care (ie. rehabilitation, home care), ambulatory care (ie. hospital outpatient care, medical home, private practice), public health, education and research.

PROCEDURES

The committee may hold one (1) face-to-face meeting per year and will conduct the remainder of business via teleconference or webinar.

FUNCTIONS

The committee functions follow.

1. Determine principles and priorities for development of systematic reviews and evidence-based products.
2. Establish and evaluate the evidence analysis (systematic review) and evidence-based nutrition practice guideline process.
3. Review and vote on approval of evidence-based nutrition practice guidelines and related products developed from evidence analysis (systematic reviews).
4. Appoint work groups for evidence analysis (systematic review) and evidence-based nutrition practice guideline development.

5. Review and provide comment on external items that may impact the Evidence Analysis Library. This may include but is not limited to other Academy Department products and external organization publications.
6. Assist in the resolution of barriers that inhibit any functions or processes of Evidence Analysis Library work from moving forward.

STAFFING

The Research, International, & Scientific Affairs Team will provide staff support.