

Diagnosing Malnutrition in Adults in Clinical Settings: Incremental Progress

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 - c. Existing ICD-10 malnutrition codes were designed primarily around low BMI and protein-energy deficiency and did not adequately reflect disease-related malnutrition seen in clinical practice
 - d. To provide a separate code for only the US to implement to make it easier to capture the prevalence of adult malnutrition
- 2. What role will the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) & the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN) and the American Society of Nutrition (ASN) play in supporting the new ICD-11 adult undernutrition code?**
 - a. Determine reimbursement rates for all nutrition services
 - b. Provide education, coding guidance, and payor advocacy, while helping clinicians align current malnutrition assessment approaches with the new ICD-11 framework
 - c. Replace hospital coding departments and submit claims directly to payors
 - d. Require all clinicians to discontinue using AAIM and GLIM criteria
- 3. According to the GLIM framework, a diagnosis of malnutrition requires:**
 - a. Low BMI only
 - b. Low albumin and unintentional weight loss
 - c. One phenotypic criterion and one etiologic criterion
 - d. Weight loss only
- 4. According to the speaker, when is implementation of the new ICD-11 code expected to begin?**
 - a. Immediately
 - b. By end of 2026
 - c. After all US hospitals and clinics convert their EMRs to include ICD-11
 - d. Sometime in 2027, with rollout occurring at different times across countries and likely delayed in the U.S.

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- 5. Which of the following actions can dietitians take now to prepare for implementation of the ICD-11 code?**
- a. Delay malnutrition documentation changes until the U.S. implementation date is announced
 - b. Discontinue use of NFPE until ICD-11 is adopted
 - c. Focus on BMI documentation because ICD-11 does not consider muscle mass
 - d. Strengthen documentation of phenotypic and etiologic criteria, become familiar with GLIM, and monitor guidance from the following: ASPEN, AND, ASN
- 6. What is a likely implication of ICD-11 implementation for healthcare organizations?**
- a. Elimination of nutrition documentation requirements
 - b. Removal of malnutrition quality metrics
 - c. Reduced need for interdisciplinary communication
 - d. Updates to EMR documentation, coding and billing processes
- 7. What terminology will ICD-11 use instead of “malnutrition” for adults?**
- a. Clinical wasting
 - b. Nutrition deficiency
 - c. Protein-energy malnutrition
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