

Quality Improvement Nutrition

GRANT OVERVIEW

Background

Quality Improvement (QI) consists of systematic and continuous actions that lead to measurable improvement in healthcare services and the health status of targeted patient groups. When applied to nutrition practices, QI has the potential to improve overall healthcare status by improvement in the delivery of nutrition products and services, and generation of Real World Evidence.

ENact™, developed by Nestlé Health Science (Nestlé), is an integrated enteral nutrition program designed to help clinicians improve hospital patient outcomes through the adoption of nutrition-focused QI initiatives. ENactNutrition.com offers proprietary nutrition-focused QI resources and educational materials that can help healthcare professionals integrate quality strategies and targeted nutrition practices into patient care.

Purpose

ENact™ Nutrition Grants support nutrition QI projects addressing the delivery of clinical nutrition care to optimize patient outcomes while elevating the value of nutrition and nutrition champions in patient care. Projects should focus on processes related to the delivery of tube feedings or oral supplements in the adult and pediatric population.

The projects funded by Nestlé are the full responsibility of the recipient entity. Nestlé will have no influence over any aspect of the projects and only asks for reports about the results and impact of the projects to confirm that the QI initiative is performed in accordance with the proposal and to disseminate the results to the public to promote awareness of the benefits of QI nutrition programs.

Potential Questions to Consider

- ☐ What problem does my project address?
- ☐ What are the potential causes for the problem? Which do I want to address with my project?
- ☐ What patient population will I work with?
- ☐ What is my desired goal?
- ☐ What resources will I require?

Eligibility

Geographic Scope:	U.S. only
Eligible Organizations:	These grants are intended for entities involved in the provision of healthcare, including medical centers, hospitals, nursing homes, and home healthcare companies. To be eligible, the entity must be directly involved in delivering clinical nutrition care as either a tube feeding or oral nutritional supplement to individuals experiencing a healthcare issue. (Individual licensed medical professionals are not eligible.)
Eligible Projects:	Quality Improvement related to nutrition therapy for patients in the MICU, trauma/SICU and PICU receiving specialized tube feeding. If you have questions related to the eligibility of a QI project, send an email via Contact Us

Grants Awards

	Individual quality improvement projects requesting \$500 up to \$10,000, or support with product only will be considered. The amount awarded will be based on the review criteria below and according to specific project scope and duration.
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Review Process

Review Committee:	Submissions will be reviewed by Nestlé's Medical Affairs. Nestlé's Compliance and Grants Committee will determine grant awards.
Review Criteria:	Grants will be evaluated based on a number of criteria, including the following: • The extent to which the initiative: – Addresses a current enteral nutrition practice and evaluates the impact of a process change in the MICU, trauma/SICU or PICU – Will improve patient and financial outcomes – Incorporates enteral nutritional assessment, treatment or measures to capture Real World Evidence – Utilizes the Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) QI methodology – Includes collaboration with a cross functional team – Reflects good clinical practices – Can be reasonably completed within 6–12 months • The extent to which the responsible organization has: – the appropriate capabilities and expertise – sufficient resources to support the project – performed satisfactorily with respect to any prior initiatives supported by Nestlé Health Science • The extent to which the funding requested is justified by a budget that is reasonable and appropriate, or the product requested is necessary for the initiative

Timeline

Key Dates:

- Application Deadline:** Submissions will be accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Award Notification:** You will be contacted by Medical Affairs within 30 days of submission of your application.
- Period of Performance:** Completion is required within 6–12 months from execution of Letter of Agreement

Award Recipient Requirements

Requirements:

- Award recipients will be required to:
- Submit a detailed protocol
 - Execute a signed grant agreement with Nestlé
 - Initiate the QI project within 60 days of award grant
 - Submit 60 day status reports to Nestlé
 - Submit an abstract, manuscript for publication as a poster, case study or case report in a peer-reviewed journal within 12 months after completing the project
 - Allow Nestlé to publicly announce the award and disseminate reprints of the published results

Failure to Complete:

- If the project is not completed within the required timeline, a letter must be submitted to Nestlé requesting a project extension. There is no guarantee of an extension.
- If an extension is denied, the recipient will be required to return any unused grant funds.

How to Apply

Application:

Complete the attached application and provide all required documents. See application for details.

Terms and Conditions:

1. This Grant Overview does not commit Nestlé to award a grant or a grant of any particular size if one is awarded, nor to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this request.
2. Nestlé reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications received as a result of this request, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Grant Overview at any time.
3. Nestlé reserves the right to announce the details of successful grant application(s) on the ENact™ website, in presentations, and/or in other public media.
4. For compliance reasons and in fairness to all applicants, all communications about this Grant must come directly to the contact person listed above. Applicants should not contact other departments within Nestlé regarding this Grant. Failure to comply will disqualify applicants.
5. Nestlé will be reporting grant awards made to teaching hospitals (as listed in Open Payments program published list of teaching hospitals) to the federal government as required by the Sunshine Act.
6. Nestlé will also be reporting grants payments as required by any state disclosure laws.
7. Grant funds cannot be used by a recipient institution to duplicate the salary of its employees or to compensate an individual healthcare provider for services provided to patients for which a payer, including any Government Healthcare Program, will be billed.
8. No portion of grant funds may be used to pay for food and/or beverages.
9. All submissions are the property of Nestlé Health Science. Contents will be held in strict confidence and will not be shared with non-Nestlé personnel.
10. Nestlé reserves the right to review the results for accuracy regarding any Nestlé products used, and compliance with relevant laws and regulations and Nestlé's Compliance Policies.

Quality Improvement Nutrition **GRANT APPLICATION**

Nestlé Health Science's Commitment to Nutrition Initiatives

ENact™ Quality Improvement Nutrition Grants support nutrition Quality Improvement (QI) projects addressing the delivery of enteral nutrition care to optimize MICU, trauma/SICU, and PICU patient outcomes while elevating the value of nutrition and nutrition champions in patient care.

Submission Instructions

1. Read the Grant Overview for detailed information regarding ENact QI Nutrition Grants
2. Complete the following forms:
 - Nutrition Quality Improvement Nutrition Grant Application
 - Proposed Project Budget
3. Attach:
 - Proposed protocol (if available)
 - Project Lead Curriculum Vitae
 - Letter from your facility stating their commitment to the project, agreement that the funds will go entirely to the project, that it will support staff in spending the necessary time on the project, and that it will consider the results in implementing protocols to improve quality of care and patient outcomes.
4. Address questions and submit completed materials to:

Yvette Gaughan, MS, RDN, LDN
Nestlé Health Science
Email: ENact@us.nestle.com

Review Process and Timeline

Submissions will be reviewed by Nestlé's Medical Affairs.

Nestlé's Compliance and Grants Committee will determine grant awards.

Submissions will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

Award Notification:

Award recipients will be contacted via email by Medical Affairs within 30 days of submission of your application.

After Medical Affairs review, your grant application will be submitted to Nestlé's Compliance and Grants Committee for consideration, and you will be notified of their approval or denial of your grant request.

Completion of grant recipient's QI projects is required within 6–12 months of execution of a Letter of Agreement.

Please note that although your submission may fall within the criteria that we have outlined, due to limited funds, Nestlé will not be able to fund all qualifying nutrition QI grant requests. Decisions with respect to approval of any funding requests are in the sole discretion of Nestlé Health Science, and its decisions are final and binding in all respects.

Nutrition QI Support Request

(Tab to each section or place cursor on shaded area to type)

QI Nutrition Project Title		
Institution or Facility Conducting Project		
Payee (institution or facility name, address, phone, fax, email, tax ID # <u>or attach a letter of determination</u> that the payee qualifies for tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the US IRS Tax Code): Grants may not be awarded to individuals, they must be awarded to the institution.		
QI Project Team Lead/Contact Person (name, address, phone, fax, email)		
Amount/Type of Support Requested (i.e., product support, monetary support, etc.)		
Project/Change Team (list all members of your QI Project Team)		
Name	Position	Role in QI Project

Please describe how you will apply the Plan-Do-Study-Act Methodology

(you may submit the requested information below, on the QI Tool documents provided on the ENact™ website [<https://www.enactnutrition.com/learn.aspx>], or by providing other supplemental documents)

AIM Statement (Please use attached AIM Statement template)

PLAN: What location or population is the subject of this QI project?

DO: Specify when data collection will start and end.

STUDY: Explain how you plan to identify clinical and financial outcomes (or both).

ACT: Describe your plan for sharing the results with clinical leadership and hospital administration.

Detail your plans for collection of baseline data (provide a copy of the form to be used if developed at this time).

Please describe how you plan to sustain on an ongoing basis any actions identified and implemented resulting in improved patient care.

Proposed QI Project Budget Form

**Please Note: Grant funds cannot be used by a recipient institution to duplicate the salary of its employees or to compensate an individual healthcare provider for services provided to patients for which a payer, including any Government Healthcare Program, will be billed.*

PERSONNEL COSTS

Name	Position	Time Commitment for QI Project Hours	Hourly Compensation Rate	Total Project Compensation	Total
Sub Total					

SUPPLIES

Sub Total					

PRODUCT

Sub Total					

OTHER EXPENSES

Sub Total					

TOTAL