



Bolder communication helps diagnose malnutrition

Patients meeting criteria for malnutrition who are then diagnosed with it

52%



BEFORE

82%



AFTER

WHAT THEY DO

To improve the identification and diagnosis of hospital patients who are clinically malnourished so they can receive treatment, this Roseville, Ca., unit-based team:

- » uses key phrases in their patient assessments and bolds the recommended diagnosis, to better catch the physician's attention
- » sends messages with the dietitian's evaluation and recommendation directly to physician
- » verbally communicates with physicians when clinical dietitians see they are available

