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American Dietetic Association Announces Name Change

ADA President, Sylvia A. Escott-Stump, MA, RD, LDN announced the name change at the opening session of the 2011 ADA Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo in San Diego on September 24, 2011. After almost 100 years



as the American Dietetic Association, it is time for a name that will lead us into the future through improved understanding and recognition of who we are and what we do. A name that will resonate with the public, policy makers and the media; sets us apart and highlights our science based focus; and ultimately increases opportunities to positively impact the health of the nation.

[Read the press release from ADA \(soon to be AND\)](#)
[ADA FNCE Photo Highlights](#)

CMS Revises F322

The CMS made changes to surveyor guidance for Feeding Tubes in Appendix PP of the SOM to provide clarification to nursing home surveyors when determining compliance with the regulatory requirements for feeding tubes. This revision will be implemented on November 30, 2011. See "Upcoming Webinars" in this e-zine for information our November Webinar and e-book on F322 to help you implement needed changes.



[Review the document](#)

MDS 3.0 Training Materials, What's New: September 29, 2011

Appendix H MDS 3.0 Item Sets (Version 1.00.6) can be found within the RAI Manual and become effective 10/01/2011. MDS 3.0 RAI Manual V1.07 Update (September 20, 2011). Files that have changed are Chapter 2, Chapter 6, and Chapter 3, Section O. Previous files are not completely accurate and should be replaced with these.

[Access the downloadable materials from CMS](#)

RDs Making a Difference in Haiti (Part 2)

It's been a while since I last blogged about our efforts to assist the hospital in Port au Prince Haiti. We are now working with Jo Cherry, MD who was kind enough to send us a detailed email and photos of just one of the patients that has had success with the help of improved nutrition care. With her permission (and the patient's), I am sharing this information.

[Read the article and view photos](#)



Compliance with Food Procurement Requirements for Nursing Homes with Gardens Producing Foods for Residents



CMS and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have received inquiries from nursing homes and State survey agencies asking if Federal law permits nursing homes to have produce gardens and use the foods harvested on the menu for any portion of the resident population. The facility should be following safe food handling practices once foods are harvested and brought to the kitchen for preparation.

[Read the entire document from CMS](#)

Two helpful food safety & sanitation inservices:

[Food Safety Made Easy Kit](#)
[Sanitation Solution Kit](#)

Pioneer Network Announces New Dining Practices Standards

Pioneer Network is pleased to announce that it's Food and Dining Clinical Standards Task Force has finalized new Dining Practice Standards. These nationally agreed upon new food and dining standards of practice support individualized care and self-directed living versus traditional diagnosis-focused treatment for people living in nursing home.



[Review the entire press release and access the new Dining Practice Standards](#)

The 'Teeth' of FDA's Food Safety Law



The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), signed into law by President Obama in January, has been called “historic” because it puts the focus of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on prevention—working to ensure that unsafe foods are not distributed in the first place. What lends the new law additional importance is that it provides FDA with new enforcement and inspection authorities.

[Read the full article](#)

[For more information on what this law means to you](#)



Just a “Little” Heart Attack

The American Heart Association presents its short film which was inspired by stories of real women whose lives have been forever changed by heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women.

[Watch this 3 minute video - it may save your life](#)
[In case you need help with stress reduction, you'll want to see this!](#)



Raising Expectations: A State Scorecard on Long-Term Services and Supports for Older Adults, People with Physical Disabilities and Family Caregivers

This State Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Scorecard is the first of its kind: a multidimensional approach to measure state-level performance of LTSS systems that provide assistance to older people and adults with disabilities. Performance varies tremendously across the states. The Scorecard examines state performance across four key dimensions of LTSS system performance: (1) affordability and access; (2) choice of setting and provider; (3) quality of life and quality of care; and (4) support for family caregivers.

[Read about the LTSS Scorecard](#)

