

INDIAN CLINICAL DIETETIC PRACTICE AUDIT

AN INTROSPECTION INTO CLINICAL DIETETICS PRACTICE IN INDIA



Our cross sectional study will describe and compare type and quantitatively measure the involvement, and risk of clinical dietetics activities performed by clinical dietitians in India with varying experience, qualifications and geographical locations. Seventy six items related to clinical dietetics from the US Commission on Dietetic Registration 2015 Practice Audit have been selected for inclusion in an Indian Clinical Dietetics Practice Audit along with demographic questions modified to be specific to dietetics practice in India. Descriptive statistics will be used to summarize demographics, primary work positions, quantitatively measure the activity performance, ratings for type of involvement, and perceived risk associated with accomplishing the activity. We will examine differences in ratings between dietitians in categories of experience, between registered dietitians and non-registered dietitians, and between geographical regions in India. This project is the first of its kind in India and has been proposed as a collaboration with Indian Dietetic Association.

International Collaboration:

The project was planned and will be conducted by researchers at the PSG College of Arts and Science in Coimbatore, India. Researchers include Dr Shanthi, Dr V. Yuvaraj , and university students serving as research assistants. The other Indian research collaborator, Dr Jagmeet Madan, President, IDA and Chair Licensure Board is located in India at Sir Virhaldas Thackery College of Home Science and SNDT Women's University, Juhu, Mumbai. Indian Dietetic associations chapters located in each Indian state will assist in recruiting participants. Questionnaire respondents will be throughout all regions in India (since the questionnaire is administered as an online survey).. Collaborating researchers from the United States are located at Manhattan, Kansas (Dr Kevin Sauer) and St Louis, Missouri/Beach, North Dakota (Dr Esther Myers)

