

Invited Speaker Abstract

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Talking points – Inter-professional collaboration from an International Classification of Functioning (ICF) perspective

1. Abstract

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." This quote from Henry Ford, Founder Ford Motor Company, recognizes that team work is a process that begins with bringing people with specific skills and knowledge together working toward a common goal. To reach this common goal, it is not enough to just have people with different backgrounds and skills working side-by-side. In between coming together and reaching the common goal, there is lots of hard work requiring regular and transparent communication as well as active and continuous improvement by learning from each other. Team members have to work inter-professionally. The objective of this talk is to introduce how the conceptual framework of the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) can facilitate this inter-professional collaboration – as a common language and basis for documentation and reporting tools. This talk will be interactive, encouraging the participants to share their experiences with inter-professional collaboration as dietitians and nutrition experts and underscoring the "talking points" of ICF-based inter-professional collaboration through a short exercise.

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3. key messages

- An inter-professional approach and a comprehensive description of the client/patient's functioning status are essential for successful client/patient-oriented health care.
- ICF-based documentation tools can help structure comprehensive assessment and health care (dietary care) planning, promote inter-professional communication and avoid redundancy by clarifying team roles and responsibilities and evaluate if intervention goals have been achieved.

- ICF-based documentation tools can be integrated in the training of dietary care professionals to help explain the working steps of the inter-professional process and give students reminders of what to consider in making clinical decisions.