

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE PUBLICATION

# INDIVIDUALISED NUTRITIONAL CARE FOR DISEASE-RELATED MALNUTRITION: IMPROVING OUTCOMES BY FOCUSING ON WHAT MATTERS TO PATIENTS

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"Disease-related malnutrition (DRM) can have profound effects on an individual and their families..." Page 2

"This article considers the merit in adopting an individualised approach to deliver patient centered care in the management of disease-related malnutrition" Page 2



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# WHAT IS INDIVIDUALISED **NUTRITIONAL CARE?**

"Agreement of what constitutes INC, with better descriptions of INC in studies, is needed to facilitate comparisons, and incorporate meaningfully into nutrition guidelines to enable healthcare professionals to implement INC in practice" Page 11

### INDIVIDUALISED NUTRITIONAL CARE IS NUTRITIONAL CARE THAT IS TAILORED TO A PATIENT'S SPECIFIC NEEDS, PREFERENCES AND GOALS<sup>1</sup>

### The four key pillars of individualised Nutritional Care are:



Optimal intervention, better adherence, improved outcomes

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thorough assesment and diagnosis



Foster ongoing relationships and continuity of nutritional care, monitor progress towards co-created goals, encourage selfmonitoring to support adherence







Individualised Nutritional Care helps contribute to quality in health care<sup>1</sup>

Patient-Centered Care

Individualised Nutritional Care

Individualised Nutritional Care (INC) is nutritional care that is **tailored to a** patient's specific needs, preferences and goals.

It is a way of delivering nutritional care that is patient-centered and contributes to quality in health care.<sup>1</sup>

1. Holdoway et al. Nutrients. 2022;14:1-17.

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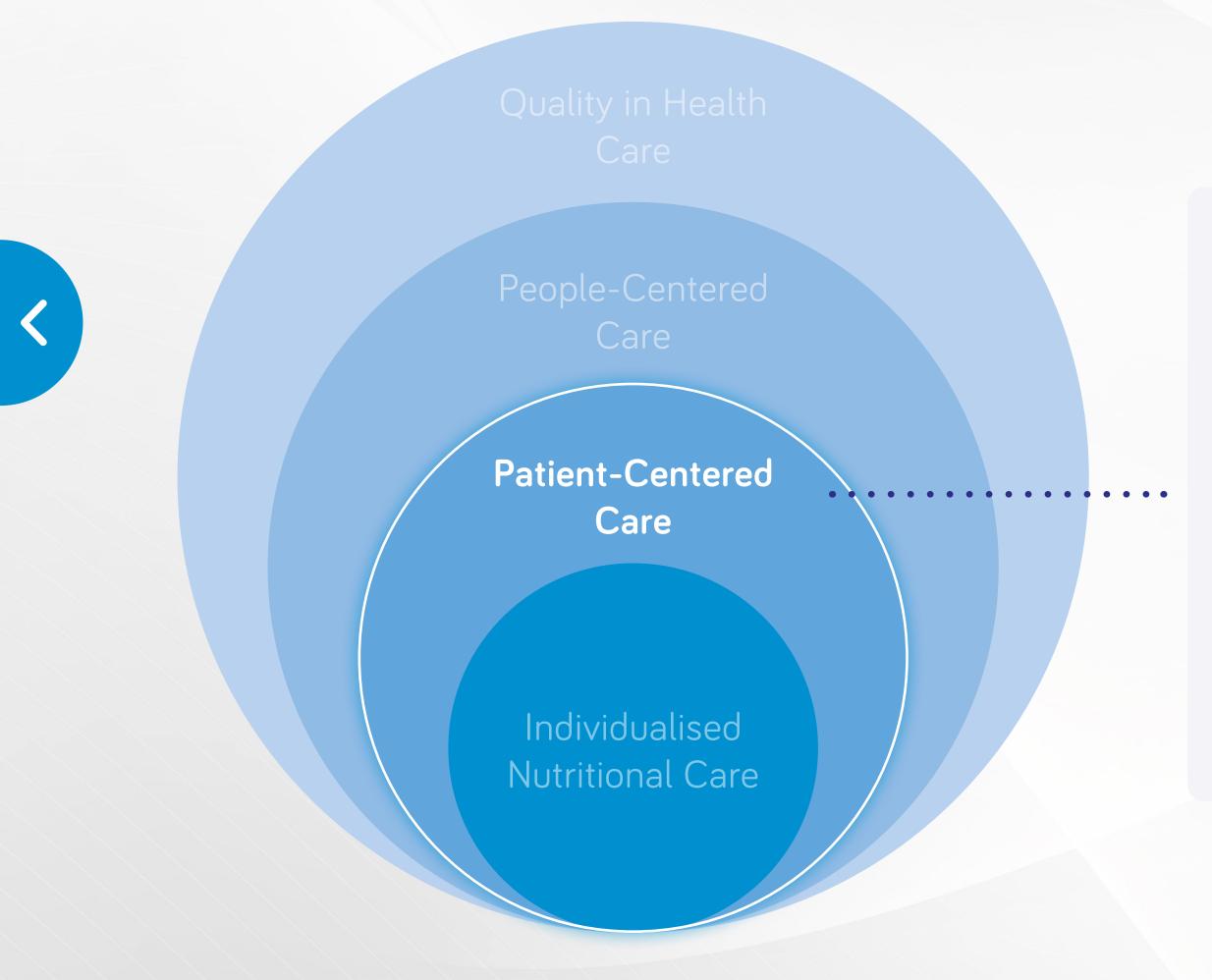
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Individualised Nutritional Care Helps Contribute to Patient-Centered Care<sup>1</sup>



### Care that:<sup>2</sup>

- Meets patient's preferences
- Provides information that is understandable and accessible by patients and carers
- Delivers emotional support where needed
- Addresses the needs of family and friends
- Provides continuity as the patient transitions across care settings
- Offers physical comfort
- Ensures coordination of care

**1.** Holdoway et al. Nutrients. 2022;14:1-17. 2. Kuipers et al. BMC Health Serv. Res. 2019;19:1-9.

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Individualised Nutritional Care Helps Contribute to People-Centered Care<sup>3</sup>

**People-Centered** Care

Patient-Centered Care

Individualised Nutritional Care

Care that adopts the perspectives of individuals, carers, families, and communities which is organized around the needs of people rather than specific diseases.

It is wider than patient-centered care since it includes: clinical encounters, consideration of the health of people in their communities and their role in shaping health policy & services.<sup>4</sup>

**3.** Holdoway et al. Nutrients. 2022;14:1-17.

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4. World Health Organization. Continuity and coordination of care: a practice brief to support implementation of the WHO Framework on integrated people-centred health services. 2018.







Individualised Nutritional Care Helps Contribute to Quality in Health Care<sup>5</sup>

Quality in Health Care

Patient-Centered Care

Individualised Nutritional Care

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Effective, safe, people-centered care that responds to individual preferences, needs, values.<sup>6</sup>

**5.** Holdoway et al. Nutrients. 2022;14:1-17.

6. World Health Organization. Handbook for national quality policy and strategy: a practical approach for developing policy and strategy to improve quality of care; Geneva, 2018.









There have been an increasing number of studies reporting aspects of individualisation to nutritional interventions over the past twenty years.<sup>7</sup>



"There is evidence to support the use of INC in practice, but there is a need to further investigate the delivery and outcomes achievable in different patient groups in different care settings."

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**7.** Holdoway et al. Nutrients. 2022;14:1-17.

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Delivering Individualised Nutritional Care presents an important opportunity to engage patients in their nutritional care.<sup>7</sup>



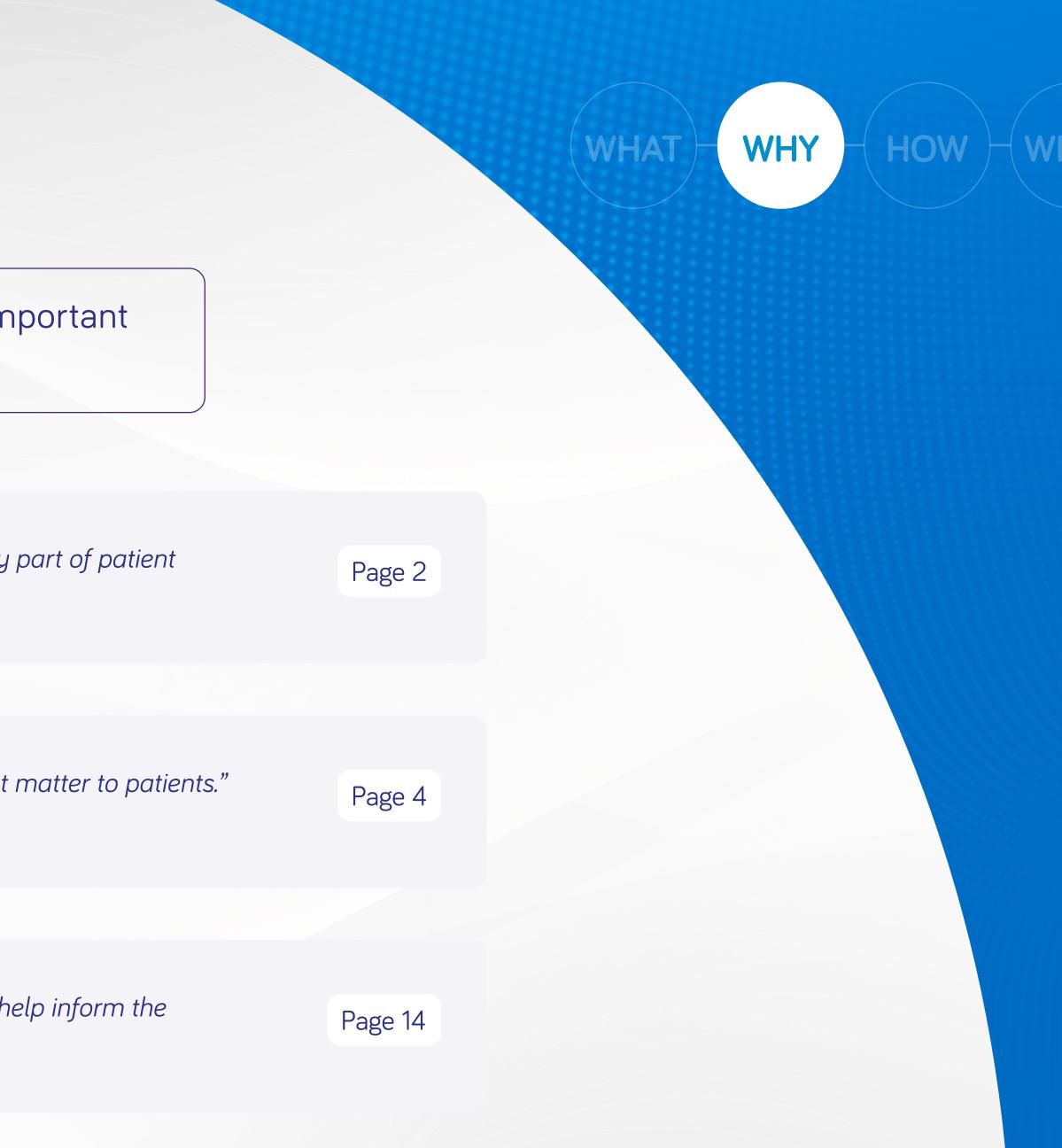
"INC that meets patient's needs, preferences, values and goals is a key part of patient centered care"

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"The aim (of INC) is to support adherence and improve outcomes that matter to patients."



*"Identifying patient-centered goals and what matters to patients can help inform the selection of relevant outcome indicators."* 









## HOW TO DELIVER INDIVIDUALISED **NUTRITIONAL CARE**

The Nutrition Care Process (NCP) was first adopted by the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics in the United States has been widely adopted or adapted internationally.<sup>8</sup>

Although the NCP is used predominantly by dietitians, the principles can be used by non-nutrition experts or by nutrition experts for training non-nutrition experts.<sup>9</sup>

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"Healthcare professionals may be aware of the benefits of individualising care but universal agreement on the definition and practical support on how to deliver INC in everyday clinical practice is needed."

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"The NCP is a systematic process used by healthcare professions, predominantly dietitians, to deliver good nutritional care."



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8. Lacey et al. J Am Diet Assoc. 2003;103:1061-72. **9.** Holdoway et al. Nutrients. 2022;14:1-17.

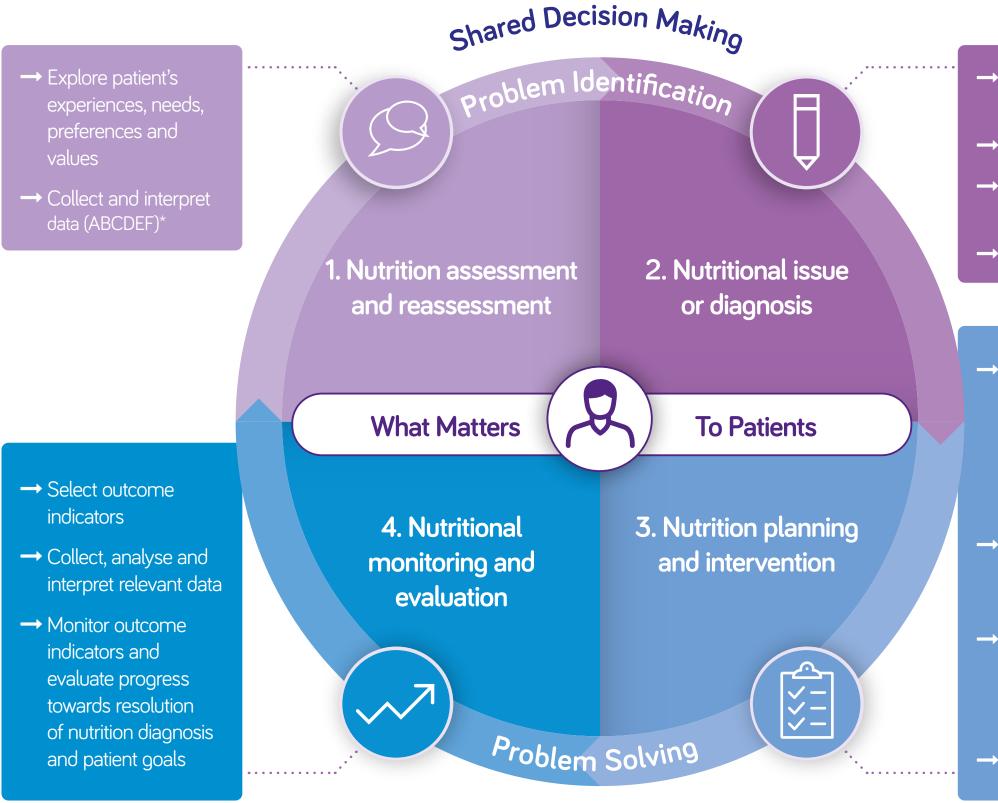






# HOW TO DELIVER INDIVIDUALISED **NUTRITIONAL CARE**

## INDIVIDUALISED NUTRITIONAL CARE USING THE NUTRITION CARE PROCESS



\*Anthropometric, biochemical, clinical, dietary, environmental, economic, functional.

- $\rightarrow$  Identify nutritional problem(s)
- $\rightarrow$  Determine cause
- $\rightarrow$  State signs and symptoms
- $\rightarrow$  Phenotype patients

 $\rightarrow$  Clearly explain the impact of the medical condition and nutritional diagnosis to motivate individual change

- $\rightarrow$  Co-create personally relevant goals with patients
- → Determine intervention(s) which can be single or multi-modal
- $\rightarrow$  Implement actions

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"Nutritional care should be evidenced based and individualised across all activities across a Nutrition Care Process: assessment, diagnosis, intervention, and monitoring/evaluation"

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There are opportunities for both nutrition experts and non-experts to provide INC to patients with disease related malnutrition.<sup>9</sup>



"INC can be used for patients in all healthcare settings, from those requiring first line oral nutritional care e.g. nutrient dense meals, drinks and snacks, assistance with eating, monitoring intake and body weight, to complex nutritional care."

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# **CONCLUSION AND CALL TO ACTION**

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"There is evidence to support the use of INC in practice, but there is a need to further investigate the delivery and outcomes achievable in different patient groups in different care settings."

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"The NCP offers a practical model for delivery of INC in clinical practice across all healthcare settings by all disciplines and could help healthcare professionals identify and promote measurement of outcomes that matter to patients."

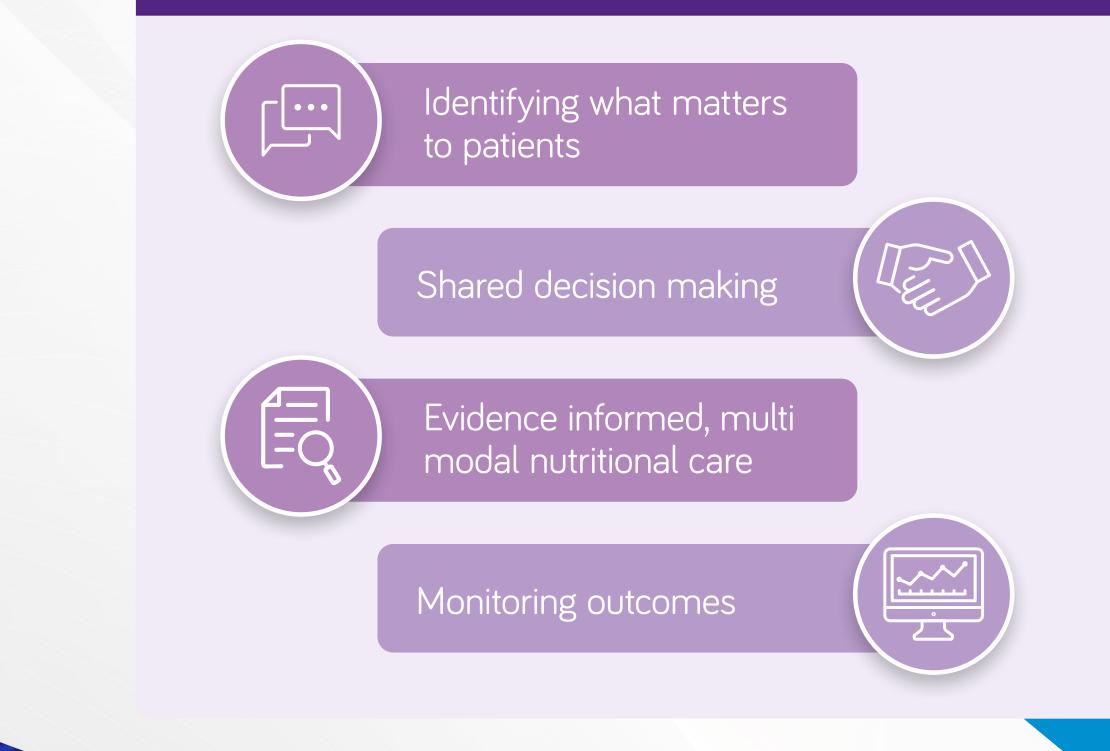




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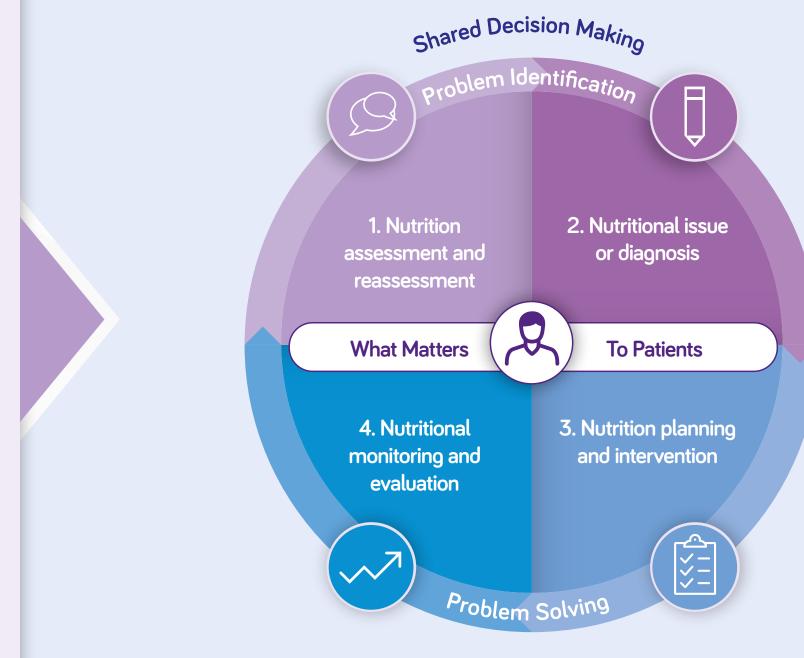
### INDIVIDUALISED NUTRITIONAL CARE



## **Optimal Intervention, Better Adherence, Improved Outcomes**

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### DELIVERED THROUGH A NUTRITION CARE PROCESS





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