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**MORRISON HEALTHCARE PARTNERS WITH ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND
DIETETICS TO SUPPORT MALNUTRITION LEARNING COLLABORATIVE**

ATLANTA (January 14, 2019) — [Morrison Healthcare](#), a leading national food and nutrition services company exclusively dedicated to serving the health care industry, announces a partnership with the [Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics](#), the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals, and [Avalere Health](#), a leading health care consulting firm, to help support further recruitment in the Malnutrition Quality Improvement Initiative (MQii) Learning Collaborative.

[MQii](#) is designed to help organizations improve malnutrition care and achieve better outcomes. The primary goal is to advance evidence-based, high-quality, patient-driven care for hospitalized older adults who are malnourished or at risk for malnutrition.

“Through this partnership, we hope to find and integrate best practices for malnourished and at-risk patients within the hospital setting,” said Peggy O’Neill, Vice President of Nutrition & Wellness with Morrison Healthcare. “We believe in the Power of Food and this is just another way we are working to making a difference to those we serve.”

This partnership supports Morrison’s Nutrition Care Model to provide programs that support and improve patient nutrition care across the continuum.

“This represents a tremendous step forward in advancing malnutrition quality in our nation’s hospitals,” said Kristi Mitchell, Senior Vice President at Avalere Health. “It’s undoubtedly good for driving better care and ultimately it is what’s best for patients.”

“Registered dietitian nutritionists across the U.S. have been successful in using the nutrition-focused physical exam within their hospitals to identify, diagnose and treat patients at risk for malnutrition,” said registered dietitian nutritionist Mary Russell, President of the Academy of Nutrition of Dietetics. “The MQii’s dual-pronged approach of maximizing clinician resources and reporting measures is vital to implementation of malnutrition quality improvement. This partnership is instrumental in shifting the culture to one in which all team members value the importance of nutrition.”



Morrison Healthcare is also an Ambassador of ASPEN's Malnutrition Awareness Week with the goal of working to reduce the incidence of malnutrition in hospitalized patients and raise awareness among health care professionals.

About Morrison Healthcare

Morrison Healthcare is a leading national food and nutrition services company exclusively dedicated to serving more than 776 hospitals and health care systems. Morrison uses the Power of Food to create personalized dining experiences for patients and in their cafés to advance the healing and healthful missions of its clients. Morrison has been serving some of the nation's largest health systems for more than 65 years and leverages culinary, nutritional and operational expertise to provide consistency and transform the health care experience. Morrison has been recognized as one of Modern Healthcare's Best Places to Work since 2012 and was named a Top 125 Training Organization by Training Magazine. Glassdoor also named Morrison a 2018 Best Places to Work. Morrison is a Compass One Healthcare operating division within Compass Group and has more than 1,200 registered dietitian nutritionists, 300 executive chefs and 21,000 professional food service team members.

About Avalere Health

Avalere Health, an Inovalon Company, is a strategic advisory company whose core purpose is to create innovative solutions to complex health care problems. Based in Washington, D.C., the firm delivers actionable insights, product solutions and custom analytics for leaders in health care business and policy. Avalere's experts span 230 staff drawn from Fortune 500 health care companies, the federal government (e.g., CMS, OMB, CBO and the Congress), top consultancies and nonprofits. The firm offers deep substance on the full range of health care business issues affecting the Fortune 500 health care companies. Avalere's focus on strategy is supported by a rigorous, in-house analytic research group that uses public and private data to generate quantitative insight. Through events, publications and interactive programs, Avalere insights are accessible to a broad range of customers. For more information, visit avalere.com, or follow us on Twitter @avalerehealth.

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