Current Status of Dietitian Order Writing Privileges in Georgia

**Order Writing Privilege Policy**

- 72.7% have a policy
- 24.2% do not have a policy
- 3% do not know

**Submitting Nutrition Orders**

- 62.5% require a physician co-signature to submit nutrition-related orders
- 37.5% do not require a physician co-signature

**Ordering Oral Nutrition Supplements**

- 54.5% of dietitians can submit orders for oral nutrition supplements without a co-signature.
- Of note, there are typically sold over the counter.

**Order Writing Privileges Denied**

- Legal/Liability
- More Data Needed
- Possibly in the Future

**Parenteral Nutrition**

- 45.4% have no privileges
- 27.2% can initiate with co-signature
- 27.2% can initiate independently

**Enteral Nutrition**

- 24.2% have no privileges
- 39% can initiate with co-signature
- 36.3% can initiate independently

**FINAL VERDICT**

- There is inconsistency across the state regarding clinical privileging. Many dietitians are frustrated by their limited privileging.
- The task force plans to develop tools which help dietitians work with hospital leaders to expand their clinical privileging.

A survey developed by the Georgia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Public Policy Task Force was sent to 112 hospitals across the state. With a 36% response rate, the above data represents a sample of a variety of acute care hospitals and the current status of ordering writing privileges among dietitians in Georgia.

Want to learn more or get more details? Great! A full survey report is available.

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