Key Messages to Include in Your Nutrition Support Presentation to Your Administrators

Economic Value of Nutrition Support Messages From the ASPEN Value Project

- New study finds nutrition support produces bankable cost savings to the healthcare system
- Initial study of limited conditions found: Nutrition support therapy reduced annual Medicare costs by $580 million
- Nutrition support therapy also: reduced hospital acquired conditions such as surgical complications and infections, and shortened hospital lengths of stay
- Condition-specific findings in projected Medicare cost savings:
  - Hospital-Acquired Infections .................................................. $85 million
  - Surgical Complications ........................................................... $33 million
  - Gastrointestinal Cancer ........................................................ $242 million
  - Sepsis ..................................................................................... $222 million

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Evidence That Nutrition Support is a Prudent Investment in Your Institution

Below is sample copy you can customize and use:

While the impressive data from the Value Project benefits Medicare and other payers, our team has analyzed similar outcomes in our institution. Based on last year's fiscal data, we identified that our greatest opportunity is in_____________ since our institution was either cited/financially penalized by CMS and/or may have received a low grade on the public reporting by Leapfrog on this particular outcome.

We scrutinized our data with the assistance of our transdisciplinary analysis team and concluded that had we found ____________________, the institution would have saved $__________________.

In order to optimize our outcomes, we are requesting the following: (Pick ones that apply)
- Approval to move forward
- People – Redistribute certain full time employees – do not anticipate having to add new ones
- Affiliation with other institutions in the system or academic institutions to decrease any financial burden
- Subscriptions, travel, memberships, educational opportunities
- Other________________________

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