

As a Respiratory Therapist I have seen first hand the valuable contribution that Clinical Dietitians make to patient care through out the Niagara Health System. Their efforts in our Intensive Care Units, on our medical floors and through our out patient diabetic education services help to improve the quality of life for the residents of Niagara.

In my role as Co-chair of our Interprofessional Practice Advisory Committee, our Clinical Dietitian representative through collaboration with her colleagues has raised the bar with respect to interprofessional standards. One of the more notable contributions from this group of professionals has been their contribution to the development of an interdisciplinary approach to medical charting and documentation.

In my current role, as the NHS Professional Practice Leader I am very interested in having all healthcare providers work up to their full scope of practice. When this occurs it creates a “win/ win: situation for both the healthcare provider and the enhancement of patient care. Clinical Dietitians are an intricate part of an interprofessional patient focused healthcare team and I fully support any efforts to enhance the scope of practice of this professional group.

Sincerely,
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