Learning about Malnutrition

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What We Know and Can Do About Malnutrition

76% of adults identify their healthcare professional as the most likely source they would go to for information about malnutrition



Only 17% of adults
stated that their
healthcare
professional has
offered any
specific diet or
nutrition
information in the
last year



In 2015, healthcare professionals gave nutritional education materials to:

Caregivers	37%
Patients	
	15%
Patients ages 55 years and	older
	9%

Top Nutritional Guidance from Healthcare Professionals:

Educational materials (17%)



Referral to a dietitian/nutritionist (9%)



 Recommendations on oral nutritional supplements (7%)





These findings speak to the importance of building routine malnutrition screening & intervention skills into healthcare professionals' training, education, & practice.



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