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DIETARY CONTROL

The need is the beginning of the story

Rising operational costs and slimming budgets are ongoing challenges for healthcare food service. From a rising patient population to the mounting paperwork, health system and single-site hospital departments are feeling the financial and organizational pressures of today's healthcare landscape, and a need for change is evident. Today's healthcare requires integrated workflows by all members of the healthcare team including the dietary team. Dieticians need to have instant access to the latest patient information and documentation of other healthcare team members and specialized documentation templates to meet the aspects of their respective discipline.

About the module

HARRIS Flex optimizes the workflow of dieticians working in a hospital. From the management of dietary consults/referrals by physician to prioritizing the list of patients to be seen to the documentation of patients' assessment and notes to the generation of reports.
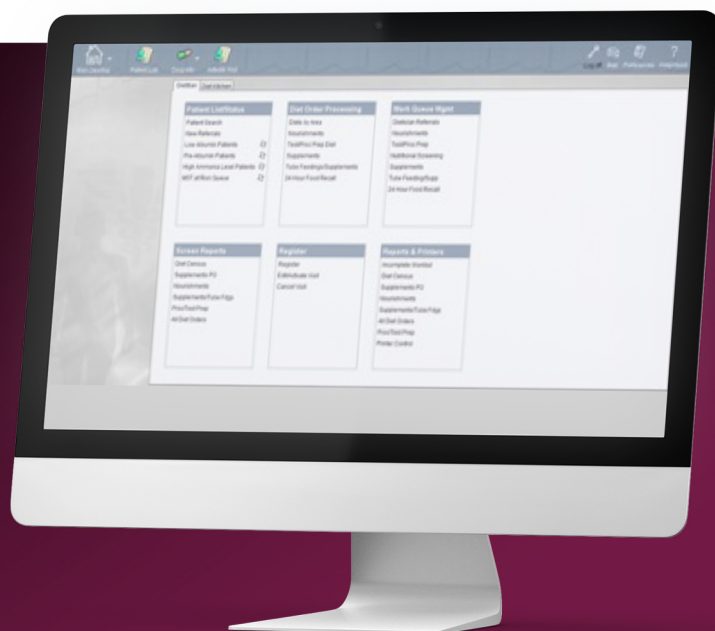
HARRIS Flex supports an integrated patient plan of care and provides an at-a-glance overview of the status of a patient's current and previous problems including medical, nursing care plan problems, problems followed by any other allied health professional areas such as dietary, physiotherapy,occupational health, respiratory therapy, social work, rehabilitation, etc..

While the application is patient-specific, all providers, based on securities, can contribute to a single summary of patient problems and view the problems related to other areas of care.

The module Shall integrate with existing Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) System of the hospital. In case no such system exists, module supports management of dietary orders – such as ordering from a standard diet type list.

Module Highlights

01 Dietary consultation management
02 Staff worklist /assignment
03 Dietary Management and Productivity reports
04 Integrates with existing FNS solution

Key Features

- Documentation of Dietary initial and on-going assessments of patient on tailored dietary templates
- Documentation of dietary progress notes relative to type of diets, # of calories, pre-test preparation, nutritional supplements, NPO etc..
- Documentation of Dietary problems and establishment of relevant Dietary plan of care with goals to attain based on the particular patient issues and situation
- Allows the configuration of automatic rules to detect patients requiring a dietary consultation – for example: Diabetics, Chewing difficulties, Swallowing difficulties, Weight loss >10lb in 2 months and/or Patient receiving chemotherapy, on dialysis etc.
- Shall permit selection of specific diet types required for the patient.
- Diet Types to be listed are : Regular; Mechanical Soft; Clear Liquid; Full Liquid; GI Soft; Low Residue / Low Fiber; Salt-restricted (Low Sodium); Fat-Restricted; Cholesterol-Restricted; Vegetarian; Diabetic; Renal.
- Organizes patient/resident data in easy to navigate, tabbed forms, reducing time to enter new residents or exchange existing information for a specific resident.
- Designed to enhance Resident/Patient choice in the selection of their meals, while reducing management time to build and assign menus.
- Diet Order Entry shall be transferred to FNS system for meal planning.
- Shall integrate with existing FNS solution using HL7 standards
- Dietary consults can be ordered for patients as required and scheduled as needed.
- Customised queries and reports shall be generated from the system.
- The system substitutes compliant equivalents for non-compliant selections and automatically corrects to meet meal pattern goals.
- Easy-to-read tray tickets with foods assigned to print zones that match your tray line setup can be printed out, sorted by a variety of criteria, and pre-collated.
- Tray tickets and labels include patient identifiers to meet Patient Safety Goals.
- Comprehensive patient Card File records allow staff access to the complete diet order, allergy, and assessment history. Allergy and preference information is automatically carried forward upon readmission so nothing gets missed.
- Track patients by acuity level or designated services with the flexibility of user-defined protocols.
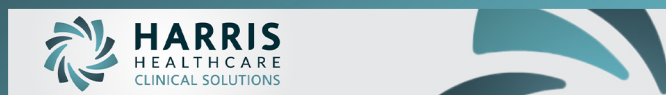
Benefits

By offering a variety of ways for dieticians and patients to place meal orders, it reduces the demand for bedside assistance.

New levels of patient satisfaction scores, improved patient safety, productivity enhancement, cost control, and healthcare excellence are among the other benefits.

By empowering staff with the resources needed to effectively gather and manage important nutritional information in real-time for every patient, the healthcare facility can be more proactive in preventing/reversing malnutrition and morbidity, as well as help ensure that patients intake all the nutrients they need.