

Forging new frontiers in Public Health Research and Development with the Nutrition Care Process

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Dr. Patricia Splett is a nutritionist and an independent evaluation consultant, who also serves as adjunct faculty member in the University of Minnesota Nutrition Graduate Program. Her areas of expertise include: evaluation of community-based nutrition and health promotion intervention programs, the evaluation of training programs for health professionals, and methodology for outcomes research and evidence analysis.

Dr. Splett has developed training materials and provided workshops on evidence analysis for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, USDA/HHS Dietary Guidelines Program and many others. Currently, Dr. Splett is working with the Genetic and Metabolic Dietitians International developing nutrition guidelines for rare metabolic disorders. She provides technical assistance regarding state-of-the-art methodology evidence analysis and guidelines development for that project.

Related to today's topic, Dr. Splett/Pat was a member of the original Standardized Language committee in 2001 that laid the ground work for development of the Nutrition Care Process Terminology, which today has been adopted for use by many dietetic associations around the world. Recently she has led an Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics workgroup examining the expansion of that terminology to be more inclusive of language that describes nutrition needs and interventions at the population level.

Dr Lauri Wright, University of North Florida (United States)

Lauri Wright is an assistant professor at the University of North Florida, co-director of the Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition, director of the Center for Nutrition and Food Insecurity, and Chair of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. Through her research and with the Center, she develops programs for food insecure individuals in the community, works globally with malnutrition, and directs nutrition programming for people with AIDS.

Wright has developed a food recovering and meal distribution model that serves the food insecure (Food Fighters) and seniors (Meals on Wings) in the community. She formerly worked as a clinical dietitian for the Veterans Administration, providing medical nutrition therapy for veterans with chronic disease.

Wright is past-president of the Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, member of the Academy's Legislative and Public Policy Committee and is Speaker-Elect to the Academy's House of Delegates. Wright earned an undergraduate degree in nutrition from Ohio State University, a master's degree from Case Western Reserve University and a doctorate from University of South Florida.