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Bonnie L. Harkless:

I have reviewed the proposed CARE assessment and as a dietitian who has worked the past thirty years with the geriatric population in skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, adult day cares, and independent living communities I am concerned about the lack of any type of nutritional assessment (information) except for questions related to swallowing and height/weight. How about therapeutic dietary needs, ability to purchase and prepare food, appetite, weight loss/gain, and BMI value? The CARE tool appears to be very comprehensive but dietary needs seems to be have left out, was a specific reason why these were not included ?

If I can be of any assistance please contact me at
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Sincerely,

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