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Overview

Suggested CDR Learning Codes: 2010, 3070, 3100, 5370, 5420; Level 2 Suggested CDR Performance Indicators: 8.3.6, 10.4.1, 10.4.4, 10.4.5

This continuing education course reviews the basic regulatory issues pertaining to dietary weight-loss supplements, the ingredients commonly used in these supplements, and new concerns regarding contamination. It also provides a brief overview of FDA-approved dietary weight-loss supplements.

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Learning Objectives

After completing this continuing education course, nutrition professionals should be better able to:

- 1. Assess consumer use and knowledge of dietary weight-loss supplements.
- 2. Understand the differences in federal regulations between dietary weight-loss supplements and prescription weight-loss medications.
- 3. Distinguish categories of dietary weight-loss supplements based on their mechanisms of action.
- 4. Evaluate potential risks of taking dietary weight-loss supplements, including contamination and adverse side effects associated with common ingredients used in over-the-counter supplements.
- 5. Examine the factors that place individuals at higher risk of adverse effects from dietary weight-loss supplement use.

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Available credit:

• 2.00 CDR

Course opens: 05/30/2014 Course expires: 05/29/2017

Rating:

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Cost:\$24.00

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