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Subject: MDA Diet Manual  
Electronic Option

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Forrest General Hospital Food and Nutrition Department is planning to have a Diet Manual online by the middle of the summer. We currently use the MDA Diet Manual supplemented by numerous diets developed by the dietitians at FGH.

If we are not able to purchase the Electronic MDA Diet Manual we will need to re-consider returning to the Forrest General Diet Manual in order to have a manual online.

Previously in 2001 we purchased 85 manuals at \$40.00 each. The reason we are looking at the electronic alternative includes the cost of the manuals and the difficulty in updating the manuals.

Kathy has stated the MDA Diet Manual could be available for members on a CD in Word format with the appendix on PDF Files.

We understand from Kathy that MDA has not developed guidelines for the electronic purchase of the diet manual. We are hoping the MDA Board will be able to accomplish this on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2005.