

## Background Template – Non Disease-Related Topic

Importance of Topic to Practice

Topic Overview (who, what, where, why and how of the topic)

Relevant Basic Information/Background Questions

Regulatory Issues (quality/safety monitoring, labelling, etc.)

### Definitions

The PEN glossary should be checked prior to creating definitions or glossary terms to ensure that the term is not already defined. Glossary items are typically applicable to more than one knowledge pathway. Background definitions are more specific to the individual knowledge pathway. References are needed for all definitions and glossary terms. Background definitions can be cited directly from the reference, using quotation marks. Glossary items must be paraphrased as the reference is not shown.

### Key Resources for Professionals

This section includes links, books, partner networks/interest groups, communities of practice, websites, etc.

List each tool/resource (T/R) alphabetically and divide by country of origin as follows:

Title: (First letter of each word should be capitalized)

Description: (Include the publisher name in the description)

URL(s): (provide links to all languages available)

T/Rs that are international or applicable to all countries should be listed first, followed by country-specific T/Rs. See example: Sweeteners Background

<http://www.pennutrition.com/KnowledgePathway.aspx?kpid=1323&trid=17857&trcatid=38>

### Web Links

A web link is an individual T/R that is also included in the Key Resources for Professional section. If there is more than one general website recommended for professional use, then a separate T/R should be developed. This T/R should include the title of the KP followed by the term Web Links. A disclaimer should be included as websites are dynamic and their PEN review will only occur with review of the KP, generally every two to three years. In addition, content in general websites is often larger than just nutrition content, which cannot be verified by PEN for its information. For formatting and disclaimer wording, see example: [Diabetes/Glucose Intolerance Web Links](#).

### Additional Resources/Readings for the Professional

This section includes T/Rs that are informative, but are not critical.

### Other

This section includes controversies, up-and-coming topics, economic considerations, etc.

### References

The standard PEN reference format should be followed.