Once the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee submits its scientific report to USDA and HHS, the departments use the findings to develop the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. After approval by the Secretaries of both departments, the guidelines are released to the public.

1. **Access & Consider Key Resources**
   - 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans
   - Scientific Report of Advisory Committee
   - Agency and public comments

2. **USDA & HHS Write the Dietary Guidelines**
   - Make updates that represent totality of scientific evidence
   - Consider Federal programs and best practices for developing guidelines

3. **Review by Scientific Experts**
   - Federal expert technical review
   - External peer review

4. **Clearance by USDA & HHS**
   - Agency clearance (e.g., FNS, CDC, NIH, FDA)
   - Administration clearance

5. **Dietary Guidelines released by USDA & HHS**
   - Communicate the new edition
   - Begin implementing across agencies and programs

For more information about this step-by-step process, go to DietaryGuidelines.gov

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