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# BAPEN Update

Despite steaming through the halfway mark of the year already, there is still so much to look forward to in the BAPEN and nutrition community calendar. From awareness campaigns to conferences and publications, there's plenty to update you on.

## HAN Week

Congratulations to PINNT for another successful Home Artificial Nutrition (HAN) Week. The week was dedicated to raising awareness through the sharing of patients' personal experiences of HAN. The theme for the 2019 campaign was *'This is me!'* – in order to celebrate the uniqueness and individuality of each HAN patient. Visit: [pinnt.com](http://pinnt.com) to find out more.

## UK Malnutrition Awareness Week

UK Malnutrition Awareness Week (UK MAW) is coming! It's scheduled for 14-20th October this year and, as we make our preparations, we hope you will be thinking about how you can get involved. Make sure to stay up-to-date on key UK MAW 2019 developments, updates, new materials and much more by following us on Twitter (@BAPENUK) and Facebook (@UKBAPEN) or visit the UK MAW campaign web page at: [www.bapen.org.uk](http://www.bapen.org.uk) and subscribe to receive news and updates. By signing up, you will be the first to know when we release new campaign materials and information, leaving you and your team plenty of time to plan for holding a malnutrition awareness event in your setting during UK MAW. You can also help by engaging and sharing on social media using the #MAW2019 hashtag.

We are absolutely delighted that our 2018 campaign has been recognised with multiple awards, including 'Best Healthcare Campaign' at the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) Excellence Awards, where the campaign was congratulated for its *"creative simplicity and outstanding results."* We also won four different categories at the Communiqué Awards, where the judges said that UK Malnutrition Awareness Week had shown *"demonstrable results and delivered tangible benefits for individuals and society."*

In other MAW news, we have agreed to work in partnership with the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN), and we're confident that that the collaboration will benefit both BAPEN and ASPEN, helping us to extend the global reach of our shared malnutrition messages.

## Malnutrition Screening: The past, the present, the future

This year, BAPEN's 'Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool' ('MUST') celebrates its 16th birthday. Our standing committee, the Malnutrition Action Group (MAG) is committed to driving uptake of screening with 'MUST' across all health and social care settings, and to collecting data on nutrition services across the country.

During UK MAW 2019, as well as holding its annual Screening Week, MAG will be launching a simple electronic portal to capture data, with the aim of reporting on prevalence of malnutrition, geographical variations and also variations between health and social care settings. We really need your help to make this a success, so in amongst the awareness raising work for UK MAW please do also mark the week of 14-20th October 2019 as a time to provide us with vital information about your local services.

## Top 10 priorities for malnutrition in adults

The Malnutrition Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) from the University of Manchester and the James Lind Alliance has developed a 'top ten priorities' for malnutrition in adults by surveying patients, carers and health professionals. As a partner organisation, BAPEN is particularly interested to see the full findings when they are published later this year, so watch this space.

## ONCA Conference, 19-20th November

Despite the undulating policy and political environment, BAPEN continues to monitor for relevant changes, constantly adapting and responding to the challenges that arise. We'll be using the Optimal Nutritional Care for All (ONCA) conference in Cambridge this November, not only to showcase best nutritional practice, but also as a platform to extend the reach of our call to action for further improvements to a different and wider audience.

## BAPEN Annual Conference - Don't forget to submit your abstracts!

This year, BAPEN's Annual Conference lands in Belfast on 26-27th November 2019. Remember there is a chance to have your abstract submitted for publication in the online *Clinical Nutrition ESPEN journal*. Late breaking abstracts will be accepted until midnight on Monday 2nd September, find out more at: [www.bapen.org.uk/resources-and-education/meetings/annual-conference](http://www.bapen.org.uk/resources-and-education/meetings/annual-conference).

The conference programme is coming together nicely with a range of stimulating symposia and thought-provoking debates. This year our opening session, 'Good Morning BAPEN, live from Belfast!', will take a slightly different format, so don't miss it. Also, new this year, our Nutrition Village will be set up with practical workstations demonstrating clinical procedures with trouble shooting tips from experts. Make sure to book your flight and travel arrangements soon, there are some good deals still available. See you there!

For further information visit: [www.bapen.org.uk](http://www.bapen.org.uk)

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