

NNNG Update



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2021 emerged under a cloud of COVID-19 festive restrictions and a National Lockdown quickly followed. The beginning of the UK's vaccination programme is welcome news. However, we know there will be many difficult months ahead as the pandemic continues to put enormous pressure on health and care services.

Disparities in COVID-19

Understanding the reasons why there are disparities in COVID-19 outcomes remains vital. **UK-REACH** is a government-funded, UK-wide, study looking into these disparities, and being conducted by the University of Leicester. It wants to hear from people of all ethnicities and looks at COVID-19 outcomes of people from different ethnicities working in health and social care – how the pandemic relates to working conditions, job types, general health and living circumstances. Visit: www.uk-reach.org/main/participants/ for further details.

NNNG Virtual Nutrition Week

In November 2020, the NNNG performed its first Virtual Nutrition Week, providing a week of *FREE webinars chaired by NNNG Committee Member Dr Neil Wilson, Senior Lecturer and Academic Lead, Manchester Metropolitan University. Attendance far exceeded our expectations, attracting new members to join the vision and voice of nutrition nursing in the UK.

The webinars are now on demand and open to all health professionals with an interest in nutrition. Sessions include:

- NG tubes & aerosol generating procedures
- Older age & nutrition
- Obesity & COVID
- Critical care/COVID & nutrition
- Patients on long-term nutrition support – PINNT.

Visit: www.nnng.org.uk for further details and to access.

HSBI Report: Investigation into the placement of nasogastric tubes

In December, the NNNG were asked to review and consult on the Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSBI) Report 'Investigation into the placement of nasogastric tubes'. The Report makes five safety recommendations, and the NNNG sought to clarify and explore these recommendations enhancing our understanding when presenting to nutrition steering, patient safety and mortality, specialist governance and patient experience groups. Nasogastric tube care remains central to patient safety and nutrition efficacy.

To access the report, visit: www.hsib.org.uk/investigations-cases/placement-nasogastric-tubes/final-report/

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