

Focusing on Education & Workforce Development in 2025



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The BPNG team have been busy with education events and have also been working on training and workforce development resources for nutrition pharmacists.

Leading with events, we had a very successful BPNG Advanced Study Day this May in Birmingham. The theme was to support the advanced practitioner, with an interactive afternoon session to revise clinical assessment skills and parenteral nutrition (PN) stability matrices. We were very fortunate to have an excellent line up of speakers looking at fluid assessment, vascular considerations and challenges faced when patients are transitioned from the paediatric to adult home PN service. The day was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to all our presenters, sponsors and delegates.

Our next event will be Fundamentals in Parenteral Nutrition on 15 October 2025 in Birmingham. This single-day event is aimed at the whole multidisciplinary team, for those new to PN, covering key aspects, such as nutritional assessment, monitoring and formulation stability, for adult and paediatric patient groups. There will also be the opportunity to form networks with healthcare professionals in the same field and gain access to our website resources. We are keen to reach as many delegates as possible and therefore will be heavily subsidising our registration fees, with the kind support of our sponsors. Registration comes with annual membership of BPNG. Please check our events page for details on how to register: www.bpng.co.uk/events.

Our next AGM is being planned for 9 July 2025. This will be an online event and accompanied by a free webinar. Registration details, subject topic for the webinar and AGM details will be emailed to our members and posted on our website.

The BPNG team will also be attending BAPEN Conference 2025, taking place during November in Newport, Wales. The BPNG Symposium this year will focus on 'Medicine delivery in intestinal failure' and we are lucky to have 3 great speakers: Dr Raj Singh Badhan from Aston University, Uchu Meade from St Mark's Hospital and Katherine Stirling from Leeds Teaching Hospitals. We hope you can join us. Come and meet the BPNG Executive Committee at the stand and find out about our resources and upcoming events. We invite all current BPNG Members to apply for the 'BPNG Members Award' if your Conference abstract topic is related to pharmaceutical aspects of nutrition support. The prize will include early-bird 2-day Conference registration fees at BAPEN members rate, plus £250 contribution towards travel expenses (standard rates) and accommodation. The abstract must be submitted by the first author, who must also be a BPNG member, by 7 July 2025. See the BAPEN awards page at: www.bapen.org.uk/conference/abstracts-and-awards/.

We are keen to support the development and growth of the pharmacy workforce within nutrition. With the support of a BAPEN grant, the team are revising the BPNG Competency Framework for Specialist Nutrition Pharmacists, first written in 2008, to bring it in line with latest Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) framework. The purpose of this tool is to help recognise learning needs and developmental areas for the specialist nutrition pharmacist at all stages of their career, from trainee to consultant level. It can also be used to support RPS portfolio development.

The BPNG team continue to promote the role of the pharmacist in nutrition support. We are keen to support pharmacy staff and other healthcare professionals in specialist roles related to nutrition support. As a Core Group of BAPEN, you are also able to sign up for free BAPEN membership. Membership is only £25 and details available at: www.bpng.co.uk/ or contact us via: www.bpng.co.uk/contact.

