

An update from PENG

Welcome to your PENG column, detailing our latest news, updates and events.

Current work

This year's priorities include completing and launching the *Parenteral Nutrition Competency Framework*, the updated *Blended Diet Practice Toolkit*, and the 6th edition of the *PENG Pocket Guide to Clinical Nutrition*.

Future events

We have made changes to our planned events. On Wednesday 8 July, we will host a webinar on cultural diets and nutrition support. The webinar is free for PENG members, with a small charge for non-members. Full details are available via the BDA events calendar.

Our Parenteral Nutrition (PN) Lead and the Competency Framework co-authors are busy finalising the *Parenteral Nutrition Competency Framework for Dietitians* ahead of its launch later this year. The launch is anticipated for autumn (date to be confirmed). We will host a half-day online event to launch the *Parenteral Nutrition Competency Framework*, including illustrative case studies.

Registration will open shortly for the annual PENG Study Day on Friday 2 October in Birmingham. We are excited that it will include the launch of the updated *Blended Diet Practice Toolkit* and updates on some of our favorite nutrients, including protein and fibre. Full details will be available via the BDA events pages and will be announced on our social media channels.

Early-bird registration is now open for the BAPEN Conference (10–11 November). The PENG symposium this year is titled *Collaborative Care Pathways: Acute-Community MDT Working for Complex Discharges* and will include best-practice examples from established teams on how to improve patient experience and safety, with a particular focus on people requiring enteral feeding.

Awards & recognition

There are currently several bursary and award opportunities open or opening soon.

PENG Award: Have you completed a service improvement project, audit or research, and would you like a £500 educational bursary to attend the BAPEN Conference? If so, please submit an abstract to the BAPEN Conference and apply for the PENG Award by Tuesday 30 June. There are three awards for the top PENG member abstracts. One award is reserved for a first author who has not previously had an abstract accepted at the BAPEN Conference. This is kindly supported by an educational grant from Fresenius Kabi, Nutricia and Abbott Nutrition.

BDA Research Symposium: This annual symposium will be held on Wednesday 2 December. It is a fantastic opportunity for dietitians, dietetic students and researchers to showcase their research, highlight the ongoing development of dietetic practice, and be published in the *BDA Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics*. There are ten £120 bursaries available for PENG members who submit an abstract to the Nutrition Support stream. Applications are now open and close on Tuesday 4 August.

Excellence in Nutrition Support Award: This award is for an individual or team who has completed a service or quality improvement project in dietetics. We invite you to share your work and present it at our annual PENG Study Day on Friday 2 October. The winner will receive registration for the Study Day, travel expenses, and a certificate. Further details and applications will open soon and will be shared via the PENG website and social media.

BAPEN Todorovic–Micklewright Award: Do you know an individual or team who has made an outstanding practical contribution to nutrition support through education, innovation or service improvement? Are they a BAPEN member? If so, please consider nominating them for the BAPEN Todorovic–Micklewright Award. This award recognises the legacy of two inspirational dietitians. The recipient will receive a framed certificate and a complimentary place at the BAPEN Annual Conference, where they will present their work in a plenary educational session the following year. Applications close on Friday 12 June, with full details on the BAPEN website: www.bapen.org.uk/about-bapen/bapen-awards/

Join PENG

If you are not already a member, you can add PENG membership to your main BDA membership. A reminder for **student members** of the BDA, you are entitled to two **FREE** specialist group memberships, with all the benefits below, why not join today!

Benefits of PENG membership include:

- **FREE** electronic/app version of *PENG Pocket Guide to Clinical Nutrition* (5th edition)
- **FREE BAPEN** membership
- Access to regular **FREE** educational webinars live and recorded
- Opportunity to win one of three **FREE** places and travel/accommodation costs on the **award-winning MSc Clinical Update Course**
- Discounted *PENG Pocket Guide to Clinical Nutrition*
- Discounted price of annual study days
- Opportunity to win one of three **£500 educational awards** to present your work at the **BAPEN Conference**
- **ESPEN Award:** Opportunity to win up to **£1,500** education funds to attend ESPEN Congress
- Bursaries to attend the BDA Research Symposium
- Support with research applications
- BDA **student members** can select PENG as one of their 2 **FREE specialist group** memberships.

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