

BPNG Continue to Focus on Education and Training in 2026



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The team have been busy with the education agenda for the year. We had a very successful BPNG Advanced Study Day this April in Birmingham. We held an interactive event, led by experts in the field, providing an advanced overview of parenteral nutrition in adults and paediatrics. The focus was the patient journey from hospital to home, including palliative parenteral nutrition, ethics and a difficult conversations workshop carried out by Meducate Academy. The day was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Meducate and all our presenters, sponsors and delegates.

Our next event will be Fundamentals in Parenteral Nutrition on 15 September 2026 in London. This single-day event is aimed at the whole multidisciplinary team, for those new to parenteral nutrition, covering key aspects such as nutritional assessment, monitoring, 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.

We were also pleased to host a webinar on 2 June 2026 for all pharmacy professionals who have patients in their clinical areas on parenteral nutrition. The aim of this session was to learn how to assess key clinical and nutritional factors, identify potential risks, carry out structured medicines reviews, and support safe, effective patient care on the ward. We were very lucky to have two excellent speakers: Andrew Rowlands, Advanced Clinical Pharmacist, Nutrition from Aintree University Hospital, and Katie Bell, Lead Pharmacist, Intestinal Failure from Newcastle upon Tyne Foundation Trust. We have many more webinars lined up for the year so please keep checking our website. Members will be sent advance notice via email. If you missed this session or any of our webinars, members can access them free on our website.

BPNG were at the Clinical Pharmacy Congress at the Excel in London this May. We hosted two excellent speakers, communicating to a wider clinical pharmacy audience on matters related to nutrition support and intestinal failure. Haidee Eves, Senior Pharmacist, Nutrition Support and Intestinal Failure, spoke about management of high output stomas. Jennifer Thomson, Critical Care Pharmacist, spoke about why parenteral nutrition management is different in the critical care patient.

Both sessions were very well attended and a big thank you to both our speakers.

At the time of writing, our AGM is being planned for 1 July 2026. This will be an online event and accompanied by a free webinar on the topic of antimicrobial stewardship and intestinal failure – see the BPNG website for more details. This year's AGM will include nomination of officers for the BPNG executive committee. We will be able to share the results of our new committee in our next update.

The BPNG team will be attending BAPEN Conference, Bournemouth in November. The BPNG symposium this year will focus on 'Managing diabetes with artificial nutrition. How safe is it?'. We are lucky to have two great speakers: Philip Newland-Jones, Consultant Pharmacist, Diabetes and Endocrinology, and Mark Green, Diabetes Dietitian, both from University Hospital Southampton. They will be covering all you need to know about diabetes and insulin management with nutrition support, whether enteral or parenteral. A key theme of this year's conference is patient safety, and these presentations will include case examples of when things go wrong and practical advice on how to avoid them. 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.

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.

