

# Keeping 'In Touch' with BAPEN

Highlights from BAPEN's membership newsletter – In Touch

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Putting patients at the centre  
of good nutritional care

WELCOME



We hope that this update finds you safe and well.

In Touch – BAPEN's membership newsletter – not only provides BAPEN members with details on current BAPEN initiatives and news but also includes topical features, news from the nutrition arena as a whole, along with updates from the Core and Committee Groups of BAPEN.

So you can keep up-to-date with all things BAPEN, we have put together a snapshot of what's currently featured in the latest issue of In Touch – affording you the opportunity to keep 'In Touch' with BAPEN!

If you would like to find out more about the work of BAPEN, get involved in a Committee or specialist group, or become a member, please visit: [www.bapen.org.uk](http://www.bapen.org.uk) or email: [bapen@bapen.org.uk](mailto:bapen@bapen.org.uk)

*With best wishes,  
Kate Hall, BAPEN Communications Officer*

FEATURE ARTICLE

## Survey Shines a Light on the Prevalence of Malnutrition in UK Health and Care Settings

Results from the BAPEN Malnutrition and Nutritional Care survey reveal that nearly half (45%) of all adults screened across health and care settings in the UK were found to be at risk of disease-related malnutrition – the highest figure since this screening began four years ago (2021, 39%; 2020; 40%, 2019; 42%). See the latest issue of In Touch for more information!



## Save the Date! BAPEN Conference 2023

28th & 29th November 2023 - Edinburgh International Conference Centre  
[www.bapen.org.uk/resources-and-education/meetings/annual-conference](http://www.bapen.org.uk/resources-and-education/meetings/annual-conference)

Online registration and abstract submissions will open at the end of May 2023. Please keep an eye on the BAPEN website for further details.

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## The British Intestinal Failure Alliance (BIFA) Top Tips Article Series

Through In Touch, BIFA – a Specialist Interest Group of BAPEN – are sharing a series of articles. Utilising the breadth of experience of the BIFA Committee, each article delivers top tips on a variety of topics, providing you with practical, helpful advice to utilise in your day-to-day practice.

- This issue's Top Tips article covers 'Reviewing a Patient Receiving Home Parenteral Support'.



## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- **President's Message** – Dr Trevor Smith, BAPEN President, brings In Touch readers up-to-date on the 2023 UK Malnutrition Awareness Week (6-12 November 2023) and the Malnutrition and Nutritional Care Screening Survey, plus the UK Covid-19 Inquiry – CATA witness statement, and the forthcoming BAPEN Conference.
- **News Round Up** – Keeping you up-to-date on news from the nutrition arena.
- **BAPEN News** – Including details on the BIFA 'Position Statement on Use of GLP-2 Analogues and Other Growth Factors for Adult Patients with Intestinal Failure'; BAPEN & PINNT's new resource; BAPEN Podcasts; the BSPGHAN Strategy 2023-2025; joining BAPEN's Media Panel, plus much more!
- **BAPEN Group Updates** – The latest news from the Nutrition Society, NNG and BPNG.
- **Diary Dates** – Key events not to be missed!

# Join BAPEN

BAPEN has been the catalyst for major nutritional changes within our healthcare system. This has achieved through:

- Tireless government lobbying
- Research and monitoring
- The development of vital tools and resources
- The hard work of our members who are making significant changes that make a real difference to patient outcomes.

### Why join BAPEN?

A larger membership means a stronger share of voice when we speak to Government and senior decision and policy makers.

Importantly, the membership subscriptions enable us to invest in the development of resources which we can then provide free of charge for use across the NHS.

### Membership benefits

**BAPEN:** discounted rates for Annual Conference, regional meetings and ESPEN

**Access:** to a wide range of online resources, and BAPEN's membership publication 'In Touch'. Plus, a reduced subscription rate to Frontline Gastroenterology

**Policy:** access & input to national reports, documents & commissioning tools

**Education:** through local & national events

**Networking:** opportunities through forums, meetings and events.

Visit: [www.bapen.org.uk](http://www.bapen.org.uk) to join.

BAPEN brings together the strengths of its Core Groups to optimise nutritional care

