

## PINNT's home artificial nutrition awareness week

6 – 12 August 2018



The activities for the week can be found on the following link: <https://pinnt.com/News/HANS-Week-2018.aspx>

PINNT believes that every patient on home artificial nutrition should receive the support to live their life to the best of their ability. This comes in various forms, feeds, equipment, hospital support, community services and homecare to name but a few.

All people will have their own hopes and aspiration and all should be credited with the recognition that they, along with their carers and supporters, dedicate time and effort to their treatment and conditions.

Who are we to measure their quality of life? It's their choices that count, often limited to the restrictions of their condition and treatment; we should see each person as an individual and help as required. We really value those who try to appreciate life on artificial nutrition; we read about tubes being placed by people to gain the experience, oral supplements being taken – again to gain valuable insight. These are true displays of commitment and a desire to learn more. One of the best ways to find out is to 'talk' and 'listen' to your patients and their carers. They have the true insight; with the knowledge and experience you have, together with theirs, a truly patient-focused support network can be achieved.

During HAN week 2018 we are celebrating the final roll out of the medical tag for home enteral patients. We promised we would make this happen and we have. It was shortlisted for the CN Magazine Awards 2018 as New Product of the Year.

During HAN week we will be featuring individual patients, sharing an awareness video made with Dorset Police, launching a new booklet and encouraging people to share pictures of their rucksack with the medical tag on [#verify](#) [#PINNTmedicaltag](#)

PINNT membership is FREE to patients (full membership) and associates (family, friends, individuals, HCPs etc.) – you can join here: <https://pinnt.com/Membership.aspx>

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