What’s New?

Highlights from the latest PENlines

Spring 2015

Welcome to this micro edition of e-PENlines, which is the PENG members newsletter. e-PENlines is a quarterly newsletter allowing members to be updated on various activities and initiatives in the nutrition support arena. e-PENlines allows sharing of best practice, opportunity to ask fellow members questions, topical updates, diary dates, PENG resource news, news from Committee members and a variety of interviews and opinions through the elevator interview section. In this micro edition you can see what the current edition of e-PENlines contains, if you are a PENG members and as yet have not signed up to receive and/or would like to find out more about PENG and how to become a member - please go to: www.peng.org.uk and as a PENG member you can sign-up to receive e-PENlines via the members section of the website. Hope you enjoy the ‘teaser’ and if you would like to contribute to future editions please contact: peng@bda.uk.com

Kate Hall, PENG Communications Officer

PENG Grants

We are really pleased to be able to announce that we are able to offer some small grants to PENG members enabling you to undertake research, audit and service evaluation in the area of clinical nutrition and nutrition support. PENG members can apply to PENG for money to support aspects of running a project, project costs, equipment and for help with salaries. Exceptionally, money can be awarded to support study at post graduate (PG) level.

To apply for money through these grants PENG members should complete the appropriate application form and read through the guidance notes which can be found on the PENG website: www.peng.org.uk/education-research/peng-grants.php

PENG - Promoting Excellence in Nutrition Support

PENG Clinical Update Course 2015

15th – 18th June 2015

The clinical update course is a 7 month course aimed at experienced dietitians working predominantly in adult nutritional support both in hospital and in the community. The course is taught at Masters level and on successful completion delegates will be awarded with 15 Masters levels credits (equivalent to one module) from Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh.

For further information visit: www.peng.org.uk/clinical-update
Virtual HEF Group - We are in the process of transferring people from the Bristol hosted Virtual HEF Group to the one managed by PENG. This group is open to any health professional with an interest in home enteral feeding, predominantly focusing on dietetic issues.

Are you looking after patients on Home Parenteral Nutrition (HPN)? Would you like to discuss aspects of care with other dietitians working in this area of nutrition support? If yes then please consider joining our new LinkedIn group so that we can start an informal HPN dietetic group.

Other HIGHLIGHTS

• Elevator Interview – We meet Steven Jenkins, Head of External Affairs, BDA.
• Education – We share the latest details of PENG Clinical Update Course and November Study Day.
• Chair’s Update – Anne Holdoway, Chair of PENG, reveals details on the forthcoming Digestive Disorders meeting (22nd – 25th June 2015 - www.ddf2015.org.uk) and how PENG are involved.
• BAPEN & Core Groups of BAPEN – The latest from BAPEN and the NNNG.

PENG Publications

Pocket Guide to Clinical Nutrition

4th edition updated 2011, editors: Vera Todorovic and Ann Micklewright

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or for more information visit: www.peng.org.uk

PENG Membership

PENG membership renewal or annual subscription remain unchanged this year £20 incl VAT.

Being a PENG member offers dietitians many benefits including:

• Subsidised rates at PENG meetings • Subsidised cost for PENG Pocket Guide to Clinical Nutrition
• Clinical Meetings at reduced price for members • Reduced cost of BAPEN membership, plus dietetic representation at BAPEN
• Minimum four copies of e-PENlines a year which includes abstracts, conference summaries, clinical reviews
• Access to the PENG membership section of the website www.peng.org.uk • Mentoring/buddying system
• Facility to ask fellow PENG members their best practice or advice through the membership email address • CPD opportunity to serve on the committee or work with them on individual projects

For dietitians to become a new PENG member or renew membership please download and complete the form: www.peng.org.uk/pdfs/membership/group-application-form-2014-2015.pdf