



*The MTG is the only UK coalition of industry groups and patient charities working together to improve patient access to medical technologies. The MTG believes that patients and clinicians need better information about medical technologies so that they can make informed choices about their medical care, which in turn will benefit the NHS and improve patient outcomes and reduce costs.*

## Medical Technology Awareness Week Reception



The parliamentary reception was the showcase event of Medical Technology Awareness Week. Many clinicians, NHS staff, policy makers and parliamentarians came together with patients and industry representatives to discuss the benefits that medical technology can have for patients.

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### Medical Technology Awareness Pledge

The pledge, which Parliamentarians were encouraged to sign at the reception, highlighted key aspects of the current campaign to raise awareness about medical technology and the postcode lottery that patients suffer.



### Infection Control Report

The MTG spotlight campaign and report on infection control launched in 2014.

The key findings showed that each healthcare acquired infection extends patients' hospital stay by an average of 10 days, and costs the NHS an extra £5,200 however Trusts are still failing to measure how well they are tackling healthcare acquired infections.

[Click here to read the report >>](#)

### Hip and Knee Spotlight Campaign

Following the MTGs spotlight campaign on access to hip and knee replacements new figures have emerged and the MTG has put together an update on this issue which will be released shortly.

### Meeting with Tim Kelsey

In January 2015 the MTG met with Tim Kelsey, National Director for Patients and Information at NHS England, to learn more about the care.data plans and the expected launch of this project. For more information on this meeting please contact [mtg@pbpoliticalconsulting.com](mailto:mtg@pbpoliticalconsulting.com).

## Moving Forwards:

### Spotlight Campaign on Unplanned Admissions

The MTG's next spotlight campaign on unplanned admissions is due to launch later this year. The report is focusing on three key areas; heart failure, urinary tract infections and diabetes.

### Specialised Commissioning

The MTG has been campaigning and raising awareness around specialised commissioning and the prioritisation process. The MTG will be holding events later in the year on this issue and will bring together key stakeholders for a roundtable discussion.

### Tariff

The MTG responded to the recent tariff consultation and is keen to engage further on this issue depending on the next update from Monitor on this issue.

### General election and PPC's

The MTG will seek to engage with prospective parliamentary candidates who may have an interest in the work of the MTG moving forwards. The MTG will keep all members up to date with developments following the general election in May.



## New Member:

The MTG is delighted to welcome **Smith & Nephew** as a new member to the group.



**Medical Technology Group Members:** ABHI, AdvaMed, AntiCoagulation Europe, ARMA, Arrhythmia Alliance, Arthritis Care, Atrial Fibrillation Association, BD, Bladder and Bowel Foundation, Boston Scientific, British Cardiac Patients Association, C R Bard, Cardiomyopathy Association, Diabetes UK, Eucomed, FABLE, FEMISA, Gooch, Heart Research UK, ICD Group, INPUT, International Alliance of Patients' Organizations, JDRF, Johnson & Johnson, Lindsay Leg Club, Medtronic, National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society, Pelvic Pain Support Network, Pumping Marvellous, Roche Diagnostics, SADS UK, Smith & Nephew, St Jude Medical, STARS, Stryker, The Circulation Foundation, The Patients Association, Transplant Support Network

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