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The Medical Technology Group
Improving patient access to medical technology

The Medical Technology Group (MTG) is a coalition of patient groups, research charities and medical device manufacturers working to improve access to cost effective medical technologies for everyone who needs them. The common purpose of the MTG is to increase patient access to the best diagnostic, imaging, surgical and supported-living technologies on the NHS.



Medical Technology Man

[Click here](#) to see the Medical Technology Group's visualization of Medical Technology Man, or follow the links below to see the individual body areas profiled at Medical Technology Awareness Week:

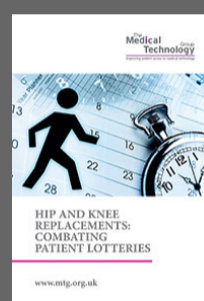
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Hip and Knee Report

The MTG launched the first in a series of reports at the MTG parliamentary reception in medical technology awareness week.

It shows that shortly before Christmas may be the best time of year to need hip or knee surgery – but just after Christmas may be the worst time.

Please [click here](#) to download a PDF of the whole report or [click here](#) for more information.



Rosie Cooper MP signs the pledge.

Medical Technology Awareness Pledge

The pledge highlighted key aspects of the current campaign to raise awareness about medical technology and the postcode lottery that patients suffer.

To read more, including a list of signatories, please [click here](#).

Domain Inquiry

The MTG will be carrying out a report focusing on the NHS Outcomes Framework, the mechanism from which the NHS will be held to account. The MTG will be showing how greater patient access to medical technology helps the NHS achieve against the indicators that the Government has set for each domain. The first two meetings of this type have taken place, one on Domain 2, enhancing quality of life for people with long-term conditions, with Dr Martin McShane, NHS England's Director for Patients with Long Term Conditions, and the other on Domain 5, Treating and caring for people in a safe environment; and protecting them from avoidable harm, with Dr David Cousins Senior Head of Patient Safety for Safe Medication Practice and Medical Devices, NHS England.

The next 3 meetings on the remaining domains will take place shortly, to attend these meetings please email melissa@pbpoliticalconsulting.com or call 0207 735 6963.

The Guardian interviews MTG Chair

Chair of the MTG, Barbara Harpham, was interviewed by The Guardian about her role for the MTG. [Click here](#) to read the article.



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