

RCN Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Network

Established in 2005, the RCN IBD Network supports the development, promotion and maintenance of excellent standards of IBD nursing care across the UK.

Our purpose

Working with key stakeholders and networks, including Crohn's & Colitis UK, the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) and N-ECCO, we provide a formal, recognised voice for nurses working in IBD. Through this national platform, we help drive forward the standards of care for people with IBD and to support the nursing staff who give this care.

National and regional network

The Network currently includes 14 active regional groups, as well as a paediatric group. These groups meet regularly to:

- network and share educational opportunities;
- support audit, research and service development;
- disseminate best practice across IBD nursing services.

Each regional Chair and Secretary is represented on the National Committee, which meets quarterly. This committee provides an effective national communication network and ensures nursing representation on key strategic projects, including the IBD Alliance and national IBD standards.

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Regional IBD Network Groups

Why local networking matters

Local networking plays an important role in developing IBD nursing services and supporting nurses involved in IBD management. Regional groups provide opportunities to connect with colleagues, share information and access education.

What regional groups offer

Groups may support a range of activities, including:

- educational opportunities and information sharing;
- joint local research projects;
- audit and service improvement work;
- education programmes and peer support.

Join the conversation

New members are always warmly welcomed. Members are also encouraged to join the

active RCN IBD Network Facebook page to network and share information relating to IBD.

Our regional groups are:

Scotland

Northwest

Yorkshire and Humber

East Anglia

East Midlands

West Midlands

London

Wales

Northern Ireland

Severnside

Southeast

South Central

Surrey

Southwest Peninsula

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