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**Dialysis at home services to expand throughout 2025** We shared a news release earlier this week to highlight that dialysis patients across NHS Grampian are being given the option of moving to at-home treatment. Work to deliver this new dialysis at home option for patients has been ongoing for the last few years, as colleagues have worked through the development of a framework to ensure it's safe and well supported. The set up involves a period of education and training – and converting an area within people's homes so specialist equipment can be installed, before treatment can begin. For patients who would typically have to attend a dialysis unit three times a week for around four hours at a time, the chance to be treated at home can provide them with much more flexibility in their lives. The purchasing of specialist equipment to make haemodialysis at home possible has been supported by NHS Grampian Charity. [Read the full story.](#)

**Ordering ambulatory ECG recorder monitoring** For the attention of all clinical staff who refer patients for Ambulatory ECG Recorder Monitoring using Order Comms: when completing the Order Comms Investigation request form, please leave the '**Processing Notes**' box blank. This box is for cardiology receiving administrative and vetting notes. It should not be used by the referring clinician to outline patient clinical details. These details should be entered in the 'referral reason' section.

**Facilitated dementia training** This course, developed by NHS Education for Scotland, aims to address gaps in dementia knowledge among health and social care staff. Open to nurses, AHPs, medical staff and healthcare support workers, it will take place at the Suttie Centre on 18/19 February. You must be able to attend both days. Further information and booking is available on Turas: [Facilitated Dementia Programme | Turas | Learn](#) (requires log-in).

**Scottish Quality and Safety Fellowship Cohort 17** applications are now open for this Fellowship programme. Over 16 successful years, the Scottish Quality & Safety Fellowship has developed more than 427 Fellows, enhancing their individual capacity for leadership in patient safety and quality improvement. Every year the programme is assessed and refreshed to meet the needs of our ongoing national goals and ambitions.

The Fellowship is built around a series of residential courses, and other educational and networking events. It is open to healthcare staff who currently undertake clinical practice and have a direct influence on improving the delivery of safe patient care, as well as staff in clinical professions who do not currently deliver hands-on care but do have a role in improving patient care or safety.

Selection will be by application and interview. Please [download an application pack](#), including the person specification. Applications will be accepted from Friday 31 January, and close at 10am on Friday 4 April. Interviews will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams during the week commencing 23 June. Informal enquiries about the Fellowship can be made to Gillian Poskitt ([gillian.poskitt@nhs.scot](mailto:gillian.poskitt@nhs.scot)).

**Reminder: Migraine management feedback needed** The Realistic Medicine Team would greatly appreciate your participation in a survey to help evaluate the effectiveness of the eLearning and workshops provided over the past year as part of the Partnering With Pharmacy Teams to Improve Migraine Management project. Your feedback is crucial in understanding how these training sessions have impacted your skills and practice. Please complete the short survey by 23 January:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/Y3uWWmba11>

**Umbrella of protection** This short video helps to explain why vaccinations are important: [Vaccination as a Community Shield](#) This may be helpful if you're trying to explain to others why making time for their appointment (it's not too late, and drop-ins are available to staff) is vital. We currently have around 440% more patients in hospital with flu than at the same time last year. We need people to make sure they are looking after themselves and each other, as much as possible.

**Remember, walk like a penguin** The winter weather is also having an impact on our Emergency Departments, as it often does at this time of year. If you need to travel today, please take care. [Walk like a penguin!](#) You can also check the main roads before you set off: [Live traffic cameras in Scotland | Traffic Scotland](#)

**Tune of the day** In recognition of our amazing dialysis teams providing care across Grampian, whether that's on site or facilitating at-home provision, and to all those supporting care at home, across many different specialties and in lots of different ways, here's [Coming Home](#) by Leon Bridges.

If you want to request a tune, follow up on items included in this brief, or suggest an item for sharing, drop us an email via [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)