

## ***“Can a patient on home intravenous feeding travel?”: Find out on MNI Frequently Asked Questions***

Brussels, 17 December 2018: Intravenous feeding (read “[parenteral nutrition](#)”) may be a life-saving therapy for patients with different illness conditions that cannot meet their full nutritional needs only through oral or enteral feeding.

**Home parenteral nutrition** – i.e. intravenous feeding administered outside the hospital, either at home or in a nursing home – may improve patients’ quality of life and support their ability to perform daily activities.

***For whom home parenteral nutrition may work? Can a patient on home parenteral nutrition shower or bath? Can a patient travel with it?***

For instance, home parenteral nutrition may allow patients with chronic or acute diseases to manage their needs for additional nutritional intake outside the hospital. For certain patients this may mean in practice:

- **less pressure to eat in sufficient quantities**
- **ability to perform daily activities, including family life**
- **ability to work**
- **ability to travel**
- **increased independence in daily life**

The Medical Nutrition International Industry (MNI), with the feedback of organisations representing patients and healthcare professionals, has consolidated a list of questions and answers to better inform patients and their families, carers, homecare providers, healthcare professionals, decision-makers and the general public at large on the use of home parenteral nutrition. [Read MNI Frequently Asked Questions on home parenteral nutrition.](#)

In the words of Léa Coulet – MNI Executive Director: *“We believe that home nutritional care has a critical part to play for improving quality of life in patients whose conditions require parenteral nutrition. Not only that parenteral nutrition itself could increase therapy tolerability and success, home parenteral nutrition may improve patients’ quality of life and may be more cost-effective compared to parenteral nutrition delivered in hospitals.”*

MNI will also soon launch a website dedicated to home parenteral nutrition to unfold more information about it and to share patients’ experience on its use, benefits and safety features. Stay tuned!

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