



NACC North Winter Seminar
Tuesday 26th November 2019
Wrightington Hospital

Speaker Profiles



Alex Connell

Roving Chef, Vegetarian for Life

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Alex Connell has been a vegetarian for the past 30 years, 10 of which as a vegan. Alex has had a variety of roles in the catering industry from teaching in secondary schools to preparing meals for the Youth Hostel Association to delivering training to professional chefs. Most recently Alex was the Principal Tutor at The Vegetarian Society Cookery School. Alex has now joined the team of Chefs working for Vegetarian for Life: "Working in the care sector has its own set of challenges and rewards. I hope to be able to pass on my passion for excellent vegetarian and vegan catering to chefs, managers and above all those we care for."



Caroline Colquhoun-Lynn

**Senior Practitioner Dietitian,
Manchester Foundation NHS Trust**

Caroline is a registered dietitian who has worked in the Care Home sector for the past 15 years, specialising in the older person and the nutrition and hydration needs relating to aging and disease processes. This frequently includes supporting residents, their families and carers, and staff in the palliative and pre End of Life stages.

Caroline is passionate about engaging the MDT team in Care Homes to ensure best practice and correct/appropriate level of intervention is in place for individual residents in order to maximise care outcomes and quality of life.



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Tony Ward

**Community Dietitian, Salford Royal NHS
Foundation Trust**

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Tony has been a dietitian for 13 years, working in many different areas including elderly care, mental health, gastroenterology, diabetes, and patients with head and neck trauma. Both a registered dietitian in the UK and USA, Tony has had extensive experience within hospitals and more recently, as a Band 7 dietitian, has been leading a team of dietitians in the community for the Salford Royal Foundation Trust.



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Nick Dutton

Operations Manager, Primrose Bank Care Home
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As well as volunteering as the NACC North Deputy Chair, Nick is the Operations Manager at Primrose Bank Care Home, situated in Poulton Le Fylde, Lancashire. It is a family run residential care home, founded in 1988. At Primrose Bank, the emphasis is on making mealtimes fun, linking with activities where possible, creating a “food positive environment” and linking with local suppliers and the wider community. Primrose Bank won the NACC Care Establishment of the Year in 2018 and the Cost Sector Catering Care Catering Award in 2019.



Amanda McLaughlin

Healthcare Manager, RIS Healthcare

Amanda has 25 years experience as a Dental Nurse Specialist. She is also qualified in Dental Sedation Nursing and holds a qualification in Oral Health Education, and is registered with the General Dental Council. Her wealth of knowledge steams from working within the Community Dental services, assisting in the dental care of adults. Children and special need patients. She spent 8 years working within a busy Maxillofacial Unit in the Pennine Acute Hospital Trust, caring for patients being treated for such things as trauma, oral surgery, implantology and ward visits to in patients, offering advice to staff and oral care for stroke patients and those living with dementia.



This unit also treated patients suffering from oral cancer. Amanda was a member of the Head and Neck MDT and gave advice to patients undergoing head and neck surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy on a nurse led clinic. She also worked closely with The Macmillan Oral Health Practitioner based in the unit. When not working Amanda spends time with her family and her many pets.

John Venters

Territory Sales Manager, Stryker

John works for the Sage division of Stryker and has done so for four years. Their products focus on infection prevention and today he'll be discussing a range of comprehensive mouth care products. Working predominantly in the acute setting John has been instrumental in introducing his products to many Trusts across the North of England. With increased focus from the CQC on mouth care in Care Homes there is likely to be increased demand for specialist products in addition to just toothbrush and toothpaste. Today he'll be discussing why mouth care is so important and how different products should be considered depending on each individuals need.

