



NACC Who are they? What do they do? May 2007

NACC is the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease:

- Founded in 1979, NACC is dedicated to improving life for people affected by Colitis and Crohn's Disease and creating a wider understanding of Inflammatory Bowel Disease.
- NACC now has almost 30,000 members throughout the United Kingdom.
- Membership is open to people who have Colitis or Crohn's Disease, their families and friends, health professionals and anyone interested in supporting the work of the Association.
- The services provided by NACC are open to anyone affected by Colitis and Crohn's Disease
- There are 70 NACC Groups around the country, arranging educational and support meetings as well as publicity and fundraising.
- NACC is a volunteer-based association.

NACC brings together people of all ages who have Ulcerative Colitis or Crohn's Disease as well as their families and the health professionals involved in their care and offers:

- **An opportunity** to talk to other people who have Colitis or Crohn's Disease
 - ◇ NACC-in-Contact Support Line **(0845 130 3344)**
 - ◇ local Groups and meetings, including Smilie's People for families who have a child diagnosed with these illnesses.
 - ◇ The IBD and Me discussion board for young people aged 16 - 29

- **Information** about Colitis or Crohn's Disease
 - ◇ NACC Information Line (**0845 130 2233**)
 - ◇ booklets, information sheets, newsletter and videos
 - ◇ website (**www.nacc.org.uk**)
- A '**Can't Wait**' Card which supports members in asking for quick access to staff/retail toilet facilities in an emergency
- A confidential **Personal Grants Fund** for people in financial difficulty as a result of these illnesses.
- **Research Fund:** NACC members raise funds for research into the causes of, and better treatments for, Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Since 1984, members have raised over £4.5 million and more than 100 research awards have been made to hospitals and universities throughout the United Kingdom.
- **Support for local hospital services:** NACC Groups regularly support local hospital services for people who have IBD through donations to provide information materials, training and equipment.
- NACC organises **nationwide campaigns** to promote awareness of Colitis and Crohn's Disease and improve the care of people affected by these diseases. Two recent campaigns have called for more Specialist Nurses and enhanced awareness of the Can't Wait Card.

Membership:

Membership costs £12.00 to join and £10 per year thereafter. Members receive a pack of informative booklets, a 'Can't Wait' Card, quarterly newsletters and information about their local NACC Group.

Membership is free to 16-18 year olds.

For details of NACC membership readers should write to:

NACC, PO Box 205, St Albans, Herts, AL1 5ZN
(Please ask your readers to enclose a 9"x 6" SAE).

Contact details for publication:

0845 130 2233 NACC Information Line (weekdays 10.00 am – 1.00 pm)

0845 130 3344 to talk to someone who has Colitis or Crohn's Disease
(Monday to Friday 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm)

0845 130 6677 is our 24 hour answerphone through which people can request information about NACC.

Website: www.nacc.org.uk

If you need to find out more information about any aspect of NACC:

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***NACC – Improving life for people affected by Colitis and Crohn’s
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