About Us

Patient is the web's leading independent health platform, established for over 15 years. With more than 18 million visits a month, it is a trusted source of information for both patients and health professionals across the globe.

The site contains over 4000 health information leaflets, a wellbeing centre, a free health check, and thousands of discussion forums. It is accredited by The Information Standard, NHS England's quality mark and was listed as 'The top health website you can't live without' by The Times newspaper (Jan 2013).

Who owns and runs Patient?

Patient was first launched in 1997 by PiP (Patient information Publications) as a directory of websites which provided information on health, disease and related issues. PiP is a partnership between Dr Tim Kenny and Dr Beverley Kenny, who were GPs with over 15 years' experience in Tyne and Wear, England and who had a particular interest in writing and providing evidence-based patient information.

In December 2002, Patient was relaunched as a joint venture between PiP and EMIS (Egton Medical Information Systems Ltd). EMIS develops, supplies and supports general practice computing systems. The company was started by family doctors, has been growing steadily for the last 25 years and is currently the market leader. EMIS has a special interest and experience in making electronic systems that allow doctors and patients to find appropriate medical information quickly. In April 2008, EMIS acquired the balance of Patient from PiP, but the partners of PiP continued to be involved as members of the editorial team.

In January 2012 the site underwent a further redesign. The core content remained the same but the redesign brought it more up-to-date making content easier to find and helping visitors manage their health needs. The Patient Services team are building on the success of Patient and provide tools and information in a number of innovative ways well-suited to the new mobile community of internet users.

Funding, Authoring and Advertising

The site construction and editorial teams for Patient are wholly funded by EMIS. The website makes no user charge and receives no funding from external sources, for example drug companies. Patient is not an NHS organisation.

The editorial team are employed to create accurate and up-to-date content reflecting reliable research evidence, guidance and best clinical practice. They are free from any commercial conflicts of interest.

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