

Case history

EECP - a success story

The patient in the picture, with therapist Pat Moore, had refractory angina. His symptoms were so unstable that he was unable to leave hospital. After undergoing treatment with EECP he was soon discharged home where he was able to look after his disabled wife for the next 18 months. She would otherwise have had to have gone into care. At the time of treatment the patient was the oldest person to be treated by the authors in Bradford.

They are planning to develop a refractory angina service in Bradford based around EECP. They have managed around 125 patients in the past four years and plan to extend EECP as a community-based service. EECP has reduced readmission rates and days spent in hospital by more than threefold.