

# International Lymphoedema Framework (ILF)

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The ILF was established as a UK charity in 2009. The framework developed from a project aiming at bringing together the main stakeholders involved in the management of lymphoedema in the United Kingdom in 2002, but the ILF rapidly spread to become an international project with an objective to support individual countries develop a long-term strategy for lymphoedema management.

Today the ILF works in partnership with 15 national frameworks around the world, all working to improve the management of lymphoedema and related disorders.

### The ILF believe:

- That patients should always be at the heart of Frameworks Projects.
- Improvement of lymphoedema management is a dynamic process that will require ongoing research and implementation into practice.
- International collaboration is essential.
- We are stronger together !

### The ILF goals:

- To increase awareness by raising the profile of lymphoedema.
- Facilitate and contribute towards better access to treatment for patients worldwide.
- Provide a better understanding of the needs of patients for the health care industry.
- Promote, initiate and support research & education programmes.
- Promote and document best practice.

### With support from industry, the ILF have achieved in the last year:

- The children's quality of life questionnaire, with over 480 children taking place in the survey. This is currently being analysed, translated and validated in to 9 languages.
- A genital lymphoedema focus document, successfully launched at the ILF 2021 conference.
- Completed an international survey of professionals working with children with lymphoedema.
- Systematic review on the outcome measure work, with a review of over 8,000 papers.
- Welcomed a new framework in Saudi Arabia and now undertaking the first lymphprint (epidemiology study) in Saudi next year.
- The ILF in collaboration with Dr Narahari secured a Gates Foundation grant for two years major funding to replicate a model of care in India.
- Adapted the lymphprint methods for low income countries. Starting with Uganda and following a successful site visit in 2022, a national stakeholder meeting will be held in Kampala in October 2022.
- Launched a lymphatic research and biology supplement at the ILF 2021 conference.
- Launched two publications on genital lymphodema and chronic edema.
- Published the results from cellulitis data in the British Journal of Dermatology.
- Supported a number of other framework events, to include ITALF (ESL) in Italy, Turkey and Ireland.

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### With support from industry, the ILF want to achieved in the next year:

- Develop a stream of compression research in collaboration with our Industry Partners.
- Publish the next set of results for lymprint and other studies.
- Launch a children's strategy, including a new website resource for parents, children and professionals.
- A dedicated book for children with lymphoedema.
- Further validate the quality of life tools with children in partnership with Professor Isabelle Quere.
- Validation of two self efficacy questionnaires to help parents and professionals with self management of lymphoedema.
- Develop more resources for patients, through events and materials.
- Strengthen partnerships with existing frameworks and work with new frameworks.
- Publication of an initial results paper from the model of care in India, with support from WHO colleagues.
- Development of a website for low resource and low income countries.

Becoming an Industry Member demonstrates a commitment to the joint effort, in driving the transformational change in the prevention and management of lymphoedema.

### As a Industry Partner, you can expect to receive these benefits:

- ILF Website, exclusive Partner Page
- ILF Website, advert of choice for 6 months
- E-shot to all ILF affiliates  
Currently there are 4,000 members, Wound Care People commit to triple the number of members to 12,000 within the next 12 months
- ILF Conference, guaranteed opportunity to become a Platinum Education Partner (limited opportunities)
- Exclusive publishing opportunities
- Invitation to attend the annual ILF AGM with the Board of Directors
- Individual meeting with the ILF Board of Directors to discuss potential projects and collaborations

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