



Press Release 7 June 2019: 9th Conference of the International Lymphoedema Framework

9th Conference of the International Lymphoedema Framework brings together lymphoedema experts from around the world in Chicago, USA

The International Lymphoedema Framework (ILF) is proud to present its 9th International Lymphoedema Framework Conference, to take place in Chicago, Illinois, USA, 13–15 June 2019. The conference is co-hosted with the American Lymphedema Framework Project (ALFP). This is the first time the conference will be held in the United States.

Lymphoedema is an under-recognised and global health problem, with many patients going undiagnosed and untreated. The ILF strives to raise awareness of the prevention and treatment of lymphoedema throughout the world. Their annual conference not only provides an educational opportunity but also highlights the work of both the ILF and ALFP. The conference is multidisciplinary and patient-focused, with an emphasis on improving lymphoedema outcomes through innovation and collaboration. Approximately 400 participants from around the world—representing healthcare professionals, patients, researchers, and industry—are expected in Chicago.

Scientific program

The conference's 3-day, comprehensive scientific program includes more than 175 presentations given in plenary sessions, abstract sessions, and poster presentations. The conference also features several industry symposia as well as a fully booked exhibition hall, with 35 companies and organisations showcasing their products and services.

Conference topics

The conference program presents a wide range of lymphoedema-related topics, such as risk reduction, lymphatic in health and disease, advances in diagnostics, chronic wounds, and compression challenges. The international roster of speakers includes experts and key opinion leaders. Among them are Professor Christine Moffatt (England), Dr Stanley Rockson (United States), and Professor Keith Harding (Wales).

A special focus of the conference is on the ILF's research and projects. The recently published results of the international LIMPRINT study will be presented, and the Chronic Oedema Outcome Measure project will be highlighted in a poster exhibition launching the first results from 12 national frameworks. Both projects are examples of ILF's work in identifying key priority areas that are inhibiting the recognition of chronic oedema as a major, emerging public health care problem.

On Friday, 13 June, special interactive sessions will be targeted at primary care physicians and nurses interested in learning more about how to recognise lymphoedema and the standards of care. On Friday afternoon and Saturday, a special patient summit will offer patients the opportunity to learn from lymphoedema experts around the world.

With the 9th International Lymphoedema Framework Conference, the ILF and the ALFP hope to bring us one step closer to improving care (and access to care) for the more than 120 million people around the world affected by this chronic disease.

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Where:

Hyatt Regency Chicago
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United States

About the International Lymphoedema Framework (ILF):

The ILF was established as a charity in 2009. It aims to improve the management of lymphoedema and related disorders worldwide by sharing expertise and resources and supporting individual countries in developing a long-term strategy for the patients and treatment of lymphoedema.

Leading ILF activities is the ILF Board of Directors, comprised of opinion experts and leaders in the field of lymphoedema from around the world. The ILF collaborates closely with the established national lymphoedema frameworks, which are working to advance lymphoedema care in their respective countries. For more information about the ILF, visit <https://www.lympho.org/>.

About the American Lymphoedema Framework Project (ALFP):

ALFP is a national, multidisciplinary collaborative initiative. The mission of the ALFP is to improve the management of lymphoedema and related disorders in the United States while contributing to global international advancement. This is achieved by defining best practices in lymphoedema management and developing a minimum data set to improve lymphoedema outcomes. The ALFP works to establish a leadership role in lymphoedema risk reduction, treatment, education, health policy, and research. These outcomes will be achieved through a partnership among all lymphoedema stakeholders, including patients, healthcare professionals, researchers, industry representatives, and third-party payers. For more information about the ALFP, visit <https://www.alfp.org/>.

About lymphoedema:

Chronic oedema and lymphoedema is an excessive swelling that presents because the lymphatic system fails to drain fluid, cells, and proteins away from tissues within the body. This disease affects more than 120 million people worldwide.



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