



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

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

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

Lymphedema is an under-recognized, global health problem, with many patients going undiagnosed and untreated. The ILF is striving to raise awareness of the need for prevention and treatment of lymphedema throughout the world. Their annual conference not only provides an educational opportunity while highlighting the work of both the ILF and ALFP. The conference is multidisciplinary and patient-focused, with an emphasis on improving lymphedema outcomes through innovation and collaboration. Almost 400 participants are expected in Chicago, representing healthcare professionals, patients, researchers, and industry representatives from around the world.

Scientific program

The three-day comprehensive program includes more than 175 scientific presentations, which will be 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 organizations showcasing their products and services.

Conference topics

The conference program presents a wide range of lymphedema-related topics, such as risk reduction, lymphatics in health and disease, diagnostics advances, chronic wounds, and compression challenges. The international roster of speakers includes international experts and key opinion leaders such as Professor Christine Moffatt (England) and Dr. Neil Piller (Australia). Dr. Joseph Feldman (USA) is the program director and responsible for the ILF 2019 program, featuring US profiles Dr. Stanley Rockson, Dr. Alphonse Taghian, Dr. Judith Nudelman, Dr. Paula Stewart, and Dr. Jay Granzow.

A special focus 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 (ILF-COM) project will be highlighted in a poster exhibition revealing the first results from 12 national frameworks. Both projects are examples of ILF's work in identifying key areas that are inhibiting the recognition of chronic edema as a major, emerging public healthcare problem. Updates to the strategic initiatives and outcomes of the ALFP, codirected by Dr. Jane Armer and Dr. Feldman and in partnership with the ALFP steering committee, will be shared. One example is the sharing of findings on a nine-year follow-up study on lymphedema therapists' training, practices, and therapeutic approaches.

On Friday, special interactive sessions will target primary care physicians and nurses interested in learning more about how to recognize lymphedema and the standards of care. Also, a special patient summit on Friday afternoon and Saturday will offer patients the opportunity to learn from lymphedema experts around the world.

With the 9th International Lymphoedema Framework Conference, the ILF and the ALFP are hoping to bring us one step closer to improving care and access to care to the millions of people in the US and around the world affected by this chronic disease.

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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' efforts to develop a long-term strategy for the patients and treatment of lymphoedema.

Leading the 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 established National Lymphoedema Frameworks, which are working to advance lymphoedema care in their respective countries.

For more information about the ILF, please visit <https://www.lympho.org/>.

About the American Lymphedema Framework Project (ALFP):

The ALFP is a national multidisciplinary collaborative initiative. The mission of the ALFP is to improve the management of lymphedema and related disorders in the United States while contributing to global international advancement. This is achieved by defining best practices for lymphedema management and developing a minimum dataset to improve lymphedema outcomes. The ALFP works to establish a leadership role in lymphedema risk reduction, treatment, education, health policy, and research. These outcomes will be achieved through a partnership between all lymphedema stakeholders, including patients, healthcare professionals, researchers, industry representatives, and third-party payers.

For more information about the ALFP, please visit <https://www.alfp.org/>.

About lymphoedema:

Chronic edema 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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