

8th FFN Global Congress

All of the key information about the forthcoming congress in Oxford can be found here: <https://www.fragilityfracturenetwork.org/project/congress-information/>. The conference programme will consist of invited talks from international experts, plenary discussions, interactive update sessions, workshops and free papers.

8TH FFN GLOBAL CONGRESS

Oxford, United Kingdom, 27-31 August 2019

Join us in a beautiful city famous for its prestigious Universities

DATES TO REMEMBER

Abstract Submission:	9 April 2019
Early Bird Registration:	19 June 2019
Get Together/Registration:	27 August 2019, evening
Congress Opening:	28 August 2019



Join the FFN

Our new membership portal makes it easy to become an FFN member. It is free to join and you will have access to many great resources, articles and presentations.

Just go to <https://www.fragilityfracturenetwork.org/membership/> and click on "Join the FFN".

The new membership portal will allow members to choose the Special Interest Groups that appeal to them and keep up to date on their work throughout the year and at each annual congress.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Oxford.



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Meet Lauren Beaupre

Lauren is a physical therapist and professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. She also holds the Dr. David Magee Endowed Chair in Musculoskeletal Research. Lauren is a clinical researcher with a particular interest in recovery after hip fracture, including those with dementia who reside in nursing homes.

Lauren is the current co-lead of the Hip Fracture Recovery Research Special Interest Group (SIG) of the FFN, one of 6 SIGs that focus on a particular area or topic related to fragility fractures.



She is also the co-chair of the Scientific Committee for the FFN congress in Oxford in August 2019. This year, the Scientific Committee commenced a competitive workshop process and are pleased to announce that there will be 12 workshops on a variety of topics across multiple disciplines for congress attendees to choose from. The workshop titles will be added to the website very soon, so please check out the preliminary FFN congress program.

Please consider joining a SIG (or 2!) and hope to see you in Oxford.
Lauren Beaupre, PT, PhD



About the Secondary Fracture Prevention SIG

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The Secondary Fracture Prevention (SIG) of the FFN was set up and ratified by the FFN Board in late 2017 when it was known as the Fracture Liaison Service (FLS) SIG. The recent name change has been taken to ensure the group membership is inclusive of all who are keen to progress the re-fracture prevention needs of the patient group. The goals of this SIG are to provide a forum within the FFN membership to:

- share experiences and learnings in their efforts to provide secondary fracture prevention in their local communities;
- plan activities that aim to improve secondary fracture prevention across jurisdictions and the myriad of population groups across the globe;
- report back on these activities to the broader FFN membership for all to learn from what the SIG finds; and
- ensure an active voice from the providers of care regarding secondary fracture prevention is included in all FFN activities.

At the Dublin Congress in 2018 a workshop was convened with a full room, indicating the need for this SIG. We discussed some potential agenda items for the SIG and this was followed up with a member survey in November 2018. As an outcome of this survey the SIG submitted an abstract to the FFN Scientific Committee of the Oxford Congress in 2019 that revealed what we would discuss at our next workshop with topics identified via the survey.

Please look out for our workshop in Oxford where we will discuss:

- key performance indicators for FLSs;
- developing a business case to set up or sustain a FLS
- how to 'find' people admitted to hospital and have a vertebral fragility fracture (new or old); and
- ideas on developing a pathway of care for people with vertebral fragility fracture.

From these discussions we will identify what to focus on in 2019/20 and who will take a leadership role in this work.

Recently published:

Editorial in the International Journal of Orthopaedic and Trauma Nursing in relation to the FFN call to action:

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijotn.2018.11.004>

Icelandic Fragility Fracture Study Day

The Icelandic faculty for orthopaedic nurses held a study day on the 7th of February. It was attended by 120 nurses, nurse assistants and physical therapists from all around Iceland. Dr. Julie S Tomlinson and Karen Hertz attended the education day and gave an overview of the fragility fracture nursing book. The afternoon session was chaired by Dr. Sigrun Gunnarsdottir and consisted of presentations from studies done in Iceland:

- Bergthora Baldursdottir presented her PhD theses describing the characteristics of patients who fell and sustained wrist fractures
- Gudrun L Nielsdottir (MS in nursing) described the response to a bus accident in Iceland.
- Margret Gudjonsdottir project manager from Landspítali University Hospital talked about hip replacement project from 2016 to 2018.
- Anna Bjorg Jonsdottir Geriatric specialist presented about prevention of fracture in patients with osteoporosis.
- Janus Gudlaugsson PhD in sport and health science talked about multiple projects for health promotion for people aged 65 and older.

Seven companies provided sponsorship for the day and made it possible for so many to attend.

The day was an overwhelming success and initiated great engagement about the FFN International Fragility Fracture Nursing Education programme. We are continuing to explore how this can be integrated fully into practice. It also created a great networking opportunity for healthcare staff in Iceland to share learnings with each other.

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