

RCN Trauma and Orthopaedic Nursing Forum Conference 2025

Innovation and change in orthopaedic and fracture trauma

Friday 14 November 2025

RCN HQ, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN

Please note these programme details and timings are subject to change. A final programme will be circulated prior to the event.

Programme at a glance

9.00	Registration, exhibition, networking, poster viewing
10.00	Chair's opening remarks Dr Sonya Clarke, Senior Lecturer, Queen's University Belfast Chair, RCN Trauma and Orthopaedic Nursing Forum
10.15	A comparison of UK and Portugal's practice in their application of 'traction' for orthopaedics and fracture trauma patients Carmen Queiros, Assistant Professor Pamela Moore, Nursing Development Lead, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
10.45	Specialist nurse role in limb reconstruction Denise Wilson, Lead Clinical Nurse Specialist, Limb Reconstruction, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
11.15	Refreshments, exhibition and networking
11.45	International expert panel discussion: Meeting the challenges of sustaining orthopaedic and fracture nursing as a specialty across the life span Chair: Dr Sonya Clarke Professor Rebecca Jester, Editor in Chief, International Journal of Trauma and Orthopaedic Nursing Jessica Otu, Deputy Head of Patient Safety, East Kent Hospital University Foundation Trust Carmen Queiros, Assistant Professor (Portugal) Dr Paul McLiesh, Senior Lecturer, University of Adelaide, Australia (via MS Teams) Shareena Bibi Mohd Arif, Chief Assistant Director, Orthopaedic Nursing and Nursing Leadership / Management, Ministry of Health Malaysia (via MS Teams)
12.30	Lunch, exhibition, networking, poster viewing
13.30	Workshops Delegates split into three groups and to rotate through all three workshops. Workshops will run every 30 minutes, with a 5-minute transition break.

Room	Cowdray Hall	101/102	307
13.30-14.00	<p>Workshop 1</p> <p>Universal DDH hip screening</p> <p>Kirsteen Kelly, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast</p> <p>Stephanie Herdman, DDH Clinical Nurse Specialist, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust</p>	<p>Workshop 2</p> <p>RCN guidance for orthopaedic and fracture trauma practitioner project.</p> <p>Donna Little, Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>Helen Scott, Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust</p>	<p>Workshop 3</p> <p>RCN acute compartment syndrome project</p> <p>Dr Sonya Clarke, Chair, RCN Trauma and Orthopaedic Nursing Forum, Senior Lecturer, Queen's University Belfast</p> <p>Jessica Otu, Deputy Head of Patient Safety, East Kent Hospital University Foundation Trust</p>
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15.40	<p>A lived experience of spinal cord injury</p> <p>Speaker to be confirmed</p>		
16.10	<p>Best poster award, sponsored by International Journal of Orthopaedic and Trauma Nursing</p> <p>Chair's closing remarks</p> <p>Dr Sonya Clarke, Senior Lecturer, Queen's University Belfast</p> <p>Chair, RCN Trauma and Orthopaedic Nursing Forum</p>		
16.30	Conference close		