

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
10.05	A comparison of UK and Portugal's practice in their application of 'traction' for orthopaedics and fracture trauma patients: Skin traction in orthopaedic and fracture trauma care: current practice in Portugal Carmen Queirós, Assistant Professor, Nursing School of Porto Claire Brown, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Children's Orthopaedics, Trauma and Fracture, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (BHSCT)
10.35	Specialist nurse role in limb reconstruction Denise Wilson, Lead Clinical Nurse Specialist, Limb Reconstruction, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
11.05	Refreshments, exhibition, networking
11.35	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 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) Jessica Otu, Deputy Head of Patient Safety, East Kent Hospital University Foundation Trust Carmen Queirós, Assistant Professor, Nursing School of Porto, Portugal
12.20	Lunch, exhibition, networking, poster presentations
13.20	Workshops Delegates split into three groups and rotate through all three workshops.

	Workshops will run every 30 minutes, with a 5-minute transition break.		
Room	Cowdray Hall	101/102	307
13.20-13.50	<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, Consultant Practitioner, Chippenham Community Hospital, HCRG</p> <p>Helen Scott, Advanced Clinical Practitioner, South 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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14.25	Refreshments, exhibition, networking		
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	5-minute transition time		
15.30	<p>My journey</p> <p>Natalie Bignell, Visual Artist</p>		
15.50	<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>		
16.00	Conference close		