Developing and Implementing a Community Care Pathway for the Management of Chronic Oedema
A Knowledge Transfer Partnership
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**Project Objective...**

To develop and implement a community care pathway for the management of chronic oedema

**Stages...**

| Stakeholder Group Formation: | Jun 2014 – Date |
| Point Prevalence Study: | July 2015 - Aug 2015 |

**Chronic Oedema...a powerful concept...**

- Umbrella term incorporating many conditions *including* Lymphoedema
- Life long condition
- Significant impact on Quality of Life and productivity
- Occurs irrespective of age, gender and culture
- Can indicate a lack of access to care
- Has a major impact on health care resources
- Can be measured easily using validated methods

**Methods...**

- Service Evaluation
- Consensus formulation
- Epidemiology
- Questionnaire
- Quantitative evaluation

**Pathway...**

**Point Prevalence Results...**

- 1,378 patients...
- One week...
- One city...
- One mega challenge!
- 40% of patients who were assessed had chronic oedema indicators - swelling and/or skin changes
- Only 60% of whom had a wound such as a VLU
- Highlights status as an under-recognised and misunderstood condition
- Chronic unmet medical needs, which if left, can develop acute complications
- Has implications for commissioning priorities

**Future Vision...**

- Evolving Caseloads
- Stable Oedema
- Correct Referrals
- Realistic Expectations

**Training...**

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**Speaker slot**
Japanese 5th ILFJ conference in Sapporo, September 21st 2015, Hokkaido University, Japan