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The Leg Club Foundation was delighted to be invited to exhibit at the first International Lymphoedema Framework Conference held at Ascot and the annual Tissue Viability Society conference at Llandudno. The aim of the International Lymphoedema Framework (ILF) headed by Professor Christine Moffatt CBE is to develop and evaluate appropriate health care services for patients with all forms of lymphoedema in countries throughout the world. The Lymphoedema conference was unique as it involved both Lymphoedema specialists/practitioners and patient groups. Both events hosted international renowned speakers and were well attended.

Best of ilegix

Following the great success of the ilegix Consensus Summit Meeting in October 2008, the 31st CX Symposium ran a special course summarising the best features of the initiative launched last year. The rise in lower limb amputations in some European countries and how to prevent and manage the problem were at the core of the discussions. As an associate of iLegx, the Leg Club was represented and delivered a presentation addressing issues relating to health promotion and education, community participation, early referrals and the importance of providing a seamless service. Incorporated into the presentation was the use of the ilegix algorithm. This excellent tool combines both diagnosis and definitive management of leg/foot tissue loss. The ilegix algorithm, in the shape of a turning wheel, highlights the diagnostic approach and reminds the specialist of key management steps and the appropriate specialist service to refer patients to given a particular diagnosis. It is a powerful tool which simplifies this highly complex disease area and the Leg Clubs will be incorporating the algorithm as part of their documentation.



The Lindsay Leg Club Foundation has been shortlisted for the Third Sector Organisation of the Year Award in the HealthInvestor Awards 2009. These awards promote excellence and innovation in the healthcare sector and will be held in London on 3rd June. The judges include: Patricia Hewitt MP, former health secretary, Kevin Barron MP, chair of the Health Select Committee and Nick Bosanquet, professor of health policy, Imperial College London. This is the second year running the foundation has been nominated which clearly shows we are doing something right and making a valuable contribution to improving the lives of people with lower leg problems.

The 9th Leg Club conference is being held at Worcester on 30th September and 1st October 2009. Please visit www.legclub.org for conference programme.