

# 22nd WORLD CONGRESS

29 August to 2 September 2017  
QEII Centre, London



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The British Obesity & Metabolic Surgery Society



International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders

## You are invited to the Patient Engagement Session at the IFSO 2017 World Congress, London

The rising prevalence of obesity is causing a major worldwide health threat in terms of quality of life, morbidity and mortality. Surgical procedures for the treatment of morbid obesity and T2D have been shown to be highly effective in achieving substantial, sustained weight loss and improved glycaemic control.

The [22nd World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders](#) will be held at the QEII Centre, London, from the 29<sup>th</sup> August to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

A free patient engagement session will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017, from 8:30 am to 1 pm, to provide a unique opportunity for patients who have received obesity and metabolic surgery to meet professional representatives from Patient Councils across Europe.

The chair is Ken Clare, Founder/Chair of Weight Loss Surgery Info (<http://www.wlsinfo.org.uk/>), former Bariatric Specialist Nurse and Acting Chair of the EASO Patient Council.

### **Session 1: The Power of the Patient Voice, 8:30 to 10:30 am**

Representatives from the EASO Patients Council, the ADEXO Portuguese Obese Patients Society and the Irish Patient Organisation will be discussing how to make the patient voice heard and addressing frequent barriers and stigma.

### **Session 2: The Value Added by Patients, 11:00 am to 1 pm**

Invited experts will illustrate the patients' role in guideline development and commissioning services, and why the contributions of patients is key to research.

Please find the full programme attached.

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## RSVP TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE

Attendance to the Patient Engagement Session is free. Please make sure you pre-register following the instructions below. Only pre-registered attendees will be allowed in the session and onsite registrations will not be accepted.

To register, please click here: <http://registration.ifso2017.com/register.aspx?e=1&c=3>

You will need to enter your unique **Registration Code: IFSO117**

One week before the event, you will receive a confirmation email with a barcode. Please bring the barcode to the event in order to collect your badge. Registration opens at 7:30 am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

For more information, please contact the IFSO 2017 Congress Organiser on [registration.ifso2017@tfigroup.com](mailto:registration.ifso2017@tfigroup.com) or +44 (0)207 808 5172.

Kind regards,

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Congress President and Scientific Co-Chair

Ken Clare,

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Acting Chair of the EASO Patient Council

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