

Collaboration to care-the Hip way to networking

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This presentation will provide an overview of a project established between the Association of Maltese Orthopaedic Nursing (AMON), Society of Orthopaedic & Trauma Nursing (SOTN) and the Maltese Emergency Nurses Association (MENA). The project included the identification of three nurses (one member from each Association) who would act as the Champions for Hip fracture patients in their particular area.

The project included the co-ordination of a visit to UK by a nurse from Orthopaedic ward and a nurse from the A&E Department of Malta.

The focus of the project was to compare the care given to hip fracture patients in the different countries and to explore the possibilities of fast trekking and enhancing care of hip fracture patients in Malta. The outcomes of the project included the enhancement of a fast trekking process for hip fracture patients at A&E, discussions with a Dietician to set up a Nutritional support plan for hip fracture patients, as well as identification and implementation of interventions to enhance care to high risk patients requiring special attention for the prevention of complications such as pressure sores.

