## Patient support



## The Leg Ulcer Charity

The Leg Ulcer Charity was set up in 2011 to inform and empower people with leg ulcers, their carers and healthcare professionals to help them to understand the condition and how to get the optimal treatment available.

Over the last 20 years, research has led to an improved understanding of leg ulcers and what causes them, and more importantly, how to cure them.

The Leg Ulcer Charity focuses on four main areas. First we aim to empower patients, their families and carers to understand that leg ulcers may be curable and to help them ask for the correct investigations and treatment.

Second, the charity supports research into the consequences of having a leg ulcer for the patient and the people around them. The research will also measure the impact of curing those leg ulcers that are curable.

Third, we are looking to support healthcare professionals to learn more about leg ulcers by supporting their professional development. We provide information and educational lectures and talks to nurses and other healthcare professionals interested in venous leg ulcers.

Finally our ultimate aim will be to raise enough money to be able to provide assistance to patients with leg ulcers who are curable but who are unable to find a cure.



The Leg Ulcer Charity has an annual general conference as part of the College of Phlebology International Veins Meeting held in London each March. This year, the main focus of the whole conference is understanding and treating venous leg ulcers. Ellie Lindsay OBE is the guest of honour at the meeting and will be giving the opening address. The meeting will be held in London from 14–16 March 2018 and there will be three days dedicated to venous leg ulcers.

## The Leg Ulcer Charity: http://legulcercharity.org/

Leg Ulcer Charity Meeting at The College of Phlebology

International Veins Meeting 2018:

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