

FOP Friends Conference and Family Gathering 2024

Saturday 11th May 2024

Radisson Blu Hotel

Manchester Airport, England

FOP Friends would like to invite you to their 5th Conference and Family Gathering - 20 years since they held their first symposium at the same venue.

As always, the conference will have family at the centre of the event. There will be a clear patient focus, addressing the questions and concerns of the families we support.

There will be presentations from FOP medical experts from around the world.

We're excited to have the FOP clinical team from the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, led by Professor Richard Keen.

We will also hear from:

- International FOP physicians
- Researchers
- Scientists
- Representatives from pharmaceutical companies
- Resilience for all, presentation

Our 'Meet and Greet' will take place on Friday evening. On Saturday evening we warmly invite all attendees to join us for a family dinner with light entertainment.

**We look forward to welcoming
you back to Manchester!**



What's on...

Event schedule *(Subject to change)*

Friday 10th May 2024

- 9:00 - 18:00: Clinical sessions (pre-booked)
- 19:00 - 22:00: Meet and Greet in the Dublin Suite

Saturday 11th May 2024

- 9:00 - 12:00: Presentations
- 12:00 - 13:00: Buffet lunch
- 13:00 - 18:00: Clinical sessions (pre-booked)
- 13:00 - 16:00: Presentations continue
- 16:00: Close
- 19:30 - 23:00: Evening dinner and entertainment

Sunday 12th May 2024

- 9:00 - 14:00: Clinical sessions (pre-booked)
- 10:00 - 12:00: Workshop / Time to connect (TBC)



What's on...

Clinical appointments

Patients and their families are invited to book up to three clinical appointments this year. All appointments are free of charge.

Clinical appointments provide private consultation time for people with FOP or POH and their carer/family.

Appointments will last no longer than 35 minutes. We thank you in advance for your support in keeping the appointments running to time. Appointments must be booked in advance through the online booking process.

General Appointments:

These sessions will be led by Professor Richard Keen, Dr Judith Bubbear and Martyn Dudley CNS. Other physicians will also be in attendance as appropriate.

Dental Appointments:

These sessions will be led by Clive Friedman, DDS, International FOP dental specialist and member of the International Clinical Council for FOP.

Dermatology Appointments:

These sessions will be led by Dr. Patricia Delai, International FOP specialist and dermatologist, and member of the International Clinical Council for FOP.



What's on...

FriendZone

We will be providing childcare and a quiet space for young people and we encourage all parents to take advantage.

The FriendZone is organised by Fiona White, trustee, and Janet Plumb. All creche staff are experienced childcare professionals and have a knowledge of FOP/POH.

Young adults can take advantage of a quiet space in the room where they can do their own thing. They are not required, but are welcome, to join in with activities.

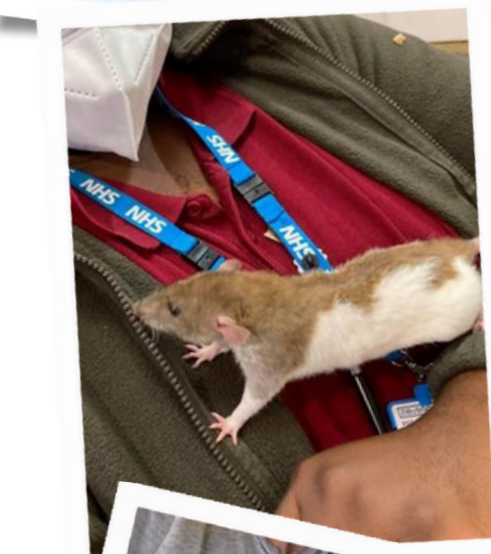
Snacks and drinks will be provided throughout the day.

Guests are permitted to bring their own toys or devices but FOP Friends cannot take any responsibility in the event of loss and/or damage to personal belongings.

This year we are excited to welcome the team from Noah's A.R.T who will be running animal therapy groups alongside our other activities. www.noahs-art.co.uk

As a courtesy to both the speakers and delegates , we respectfully request that any children/ young people who stay in the conference room with their parents do not distract other delegates who are trying to listen.

Electronic devices can be a distraction to others. We do not allow children/young people to play on devices in the presentation room. Thank you for your understanding.



What's on...

Additional information

Booking

We are pleased to be able to subsidise attendance for persons with FOP/POH and their immediate family, with up to 50% discount on the hotel rates.

We are able to discount the cost thanks to grant and sponsor support.

As this support is limited, the discounted fee is only available to patients, their main carer, spouse/partner and their parents and siblings (immediate family members). All other attendees must pay the full fee.

For detailed pricing, please visit the booking website or see next page.

All bookings must be made online.

If you have any queries or problems with the booking system, please contact us on:

+44 (0)161 282 0441 or email us at events@fopfriends.com.

Online booking closes Friday 19th April 2024. Should you wish to book after this date, please contact us.

Venue: Radisson Blu Manchester Airport

Gym, swimming and spa facilities are available at the hotel. It is fully accessible.

Attendees are responsible for arranging additional rooms/nights not included in their package.

Full details are available at:

www.radissonblu.co.uk/hotel-manchesterairport



What's on...

Pricing and booking

Full prices (for those not covered by the discount)

Friday 10th May (costs are per room)

- Bed & Breakfast – single occupancy - £155
- Bed & Breakfast – double occupancy - £165
- Bed & Breakfast – small family room (2 adults and 1 child up to 12 years) - £175
- Bed & Breakfast – family room (2 adults and up to 2 children - in a separate room) - £350

Saturday 11th May (costs are per person unless stated otherwise)

- Conference plus dinner, bed and breakfast
 - Single occupancy room – £240
 - Double occupancy room – £335 per room
 - Small family room - £360 per room
 - Family room - £550
- Conference only (daytime) - £55 (per adult)
- Conference dinner only - £35

Discounted prices (for FOP patients, main carers and immediate family)

Friday 10th May (costs are per room)

- Bed & Breakfast – single occupancy - £78
- Bed & Breakfast – double occupancy - £83
- Bed & Breakfast – small family room (2 adults and 1 child up to 12 years) - £88
- Bed & Breakfast – family room (2 adults and up to 2 children - in a separate room) - £175

Saturday 11th May (costs are per person unless stated otherwise)

- Conference plus dinner, bed and breakfast (price depends on room type)
 - Single occupancy room – £120
 - Double occupancy room – £165 per room
 - Small family room - £275 per room
 - Family room - £275
- Conference only (daytime) - £25 (per adult)
- Conference dinner only - £20

Children's attendance

Conference attendance for children up to and including the age of 16 is free of charge. Anyone aged 17 or over will be considered an adult and must pay the relevant fee.

Additional nights' accommodation must be booked directly with the hotel.



What's on...

Travel information

Travel arrangements

Attendees are responsible for their own travel. As the price for attending the conference has been heavily discounted, FOP Friends is unable to offer any travel subsidies to families.



Flying into **Manchester Airport**, the hotel is directly connected to the airport terminals via a covered walkway.



Arrive at **Manchester Piccadilly Train Station** where a train direct to Manchester Airport is available.



The airport is also accessible via **MetroLink**. Take the the 6 Manchester Airport - Victoria line.



By car from South M56 J6, from North J5, follow signs for Airport Terminal 2. Postal code: M90 3RA.

The hotel has 220 parking spaces. Parking is a flat rate of £17/day.

This is not included in your booking. Please pay for this at Reception on arrival.



What's on...

Terms and conditions

Online registration constitutes a legally binding agreement.

If you have not received confirmation and/or final information 7 days prior to the conference, please contact the FOP Friends office on 0161 282 0441. **We cannot be held responsible for the non-arrival of information.**

Cancellations

We will do our best to ensure that the conference goes ahead, but we reserve the right to cancel at any time. If we do so, we will refund your conference fee in full but will have no further liabilities to you. In particular, we will not meet the costs of any pre-booked accommodation or travel. However, where we are forced to cancel the conference as a result of events arising which are outside of our control, we will have no obligation to offer a refund of your conference fee.

If you wish to cancel your attendance at the conference you must do so online via the registration website.

If you cancel your booking, FOP Friends shall refund to you a percentage of the conference fee paid, as an administration charge, on the following basis:

1. If the notice of cancellation is received on or before **Friday 19th April 2024** no fee shall be charged (i.e. 100% refund made)
2. If the notice of cancellation is received on or after **Saturday 20th April 2024**, no refund is made (i.e. 100% cancellation charge).

Payment: All bookings must be paid online at the time of booking. The payment is made online and all debit and credit cards are accepted.

Changes to conference programme: Although we will do our best to follow the published programme, we reserve the right to change it (including the guest speakers and the times of their presentations). In the unlikely event that we need to change the venue, we will give you as much notice as is practicable. In the event that any such changes are made, no refund of the conference fee shall be made.

Speakers: The views expressed by guest speakers are theirs alone and do not necessarily represent ours. We can take no responsibility for the content or the accuracy of the speakers' presentations. This includes any discussions surrounding clinical trials. FOP Friends does not endorse any clinical trial or pharmaceutical company.

Marketing, filming and social media: There will be a professional photographer and/or video production taking place during the conference which may be used for future marketing and promotional purposes. By attending the event you are accepting that if a photograph or video footage is taken of you at the event, FOP Friends owns the right to use the photo for any purpose they see fit.

It is not permitted for any conference attendee to film or record any session at the event either for their own purposes or to stream online without express permission from FOP Friends prior to the conference. Anyone seen to be doing this may be asked to leave the event with no refund available.

As this is a rare patient group event, a high level of confidentiality and privacy is expected and required from all attendees. Any social media posts must be carried out with this in mind and we ask that you do not post images/videos containing other delegates without their express permission.

Data Protection: We would like to include your email in the conference delegate list (hard copy and electronically). This will only be made available to attendees of the conference (this may include sponsors and exhibitors). Please click the box on the registration page if you are happy for us to include your email address.

Liability: We will accept liability to you for any death or personal injury caused by our negligence, any fraudulent misrepresentation by us, and any liability which cannot be excluded by law. In no other circumstances will we have any liability to you except as set out in these Terms and Conditions. In particular, we accept no liability for the loss or damage of your personal property at the conference.

Governing law: These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and the parties irrevocably agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England over any claim or matter arising under or in connection with these Terms and Conditions. Delegates will be expected to comply with these Terms and Conditions, the rules of the venue and the reasonable requests of the organisers. Failure of delegates to do so will entitle us to cancel or terminate your attendance at the conference.

Conference organisers: This event has been brought to you by FOP Friends. FOP Friends is a Registered Charity in England and Wales #1147704 and Scotland #SC046950, whose registered office is at The Cabin, 1 Cumberland Road, Sale, Cheshire, M33 3FR.

