

# FLS

## Fracture Liaison Service

# Preventing costly fractures

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## Financial considerations to implement an FLS

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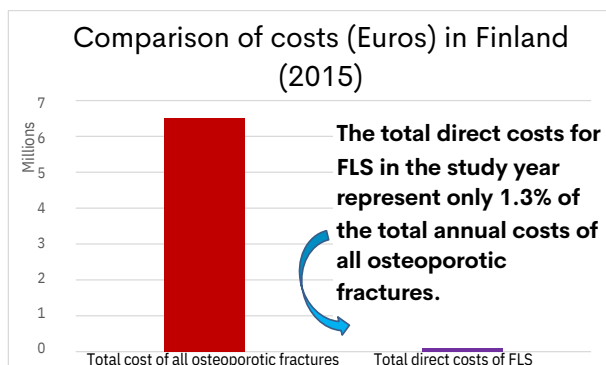
Costs to implement an FLS (based on hospital seeing ~400 major osteoporotic fractures per year)	
FLS Coordinator	\$ 94,510
Medical Lead	\$ 11,859
Administrative support	\$6,720
Office costs	\$8,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$121, 089</b>

Based on Nova Scotia  
salaries, 2021

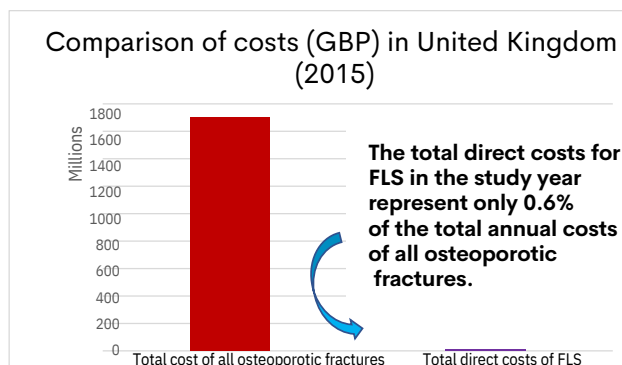
An FLS is a specific model of care where a **dedicated coordinator** proactively identifies fracture patients, typically in orthopaedic services, on a system-wide basis, and determines their fracture risk with the express purpose of facilitating effective osteoporosis treatment for high-risk patients. FLS is the **only** intervention that has been proven to have a meaningful impact (i.e., with at least a two-fold improvement) on the post-fracture osteoporosis care gap.

By preventing fractures, FLS frees up resources that can be used for other pressing needs such as better access to hip and knee replacement surgeries in acute care and improved access to long term care beds.

**FRACTURES**  
**CHANGE LIVES**  
**FLSs**  
**CHANGE OUTCOMES**



Lüthje, 2020



Cooper, 2011

**In all jurisdictions, FLS is a tiny investment that will decrease the costs of future fractures to your healthcare system.**

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