**MODULE 6: FLS sustainability: ensuring your FLS remains funded for the longer term**

FLS remains a foreign entity in Canada. Until FLS becomes mainstream and is recognized as the essential healthcare that it is, any FLS, no matter how effective it may be, will be at risk of being shut down whenever budget cuts to healthcare occur. It is therefore important that key decision makers be kept in the loop as to your FLS’s effectiveness and its importance to patient care and outcomes.

From the very earliest days of your FLS, take every opportunity to highlight your new program to a wide variety of healthcare administrators/decision makers:

* Celebrate the grand opening of your new FLS.
* Present your FLS’s success at closing the post-fracture care gap at Grand Rounds. Invite relevant decision makers to attend.
* Tailor to the target audience. For example, a committee focused on quality of care may be interested to hear that your FLS has completely eliminated the gender disparity in post-fracture care.

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| **Potential target audiences** | **How will you initiate contact? Who will be responsible? Timeline?** |
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**Key factors to support sustainability for FLSs in Canada:**

1. Create conditions to ensure that FLS remains a core component of your local healthcare system
2. Continuous Quality Improvement and review of site’s key performance indicators as measured by OC’s FLS [KPIs](https://fls.osteoporosis.ca/indicator/)
3. Participate in OC’s comprehensive bi-annual national FLS audits (in which a national audit report is created in addition to a confidential FLS site report) to support quality improvement.
   1. [2018 National FLS Audit Report](https://fls.osteoporosis.ca/wp-content/uploads/Report-from-Osteoporosis-Canadas-first-national-FLS-audit.pdf)
   2. [2020 National FLS Audit Report](https://fls.osteoporosis.ca/wp-content/uploads/Second-national-FLS-audit-report-2020-English.pdf)
   3. Results of next national FLS audit are expected in the spring of 2024

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