Lectures: Dr. David Oliver

14th Annual Dr. Gerald Zetter Memorial Lecture
Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2013
Time: 1200 – 1300h
Location: Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital – Bill Black Auditorium

**Title:** Services in England for prevention and treatment of falls and fragility fractures in older people. The story so far...

**Summary:** In the English National Health Service there has been concerted national activity around the prevention of falls and fractures and the treatment of patients with hip or non-hip fragility fractures over the past decade or so. There has been real progress in key areas – notably the management of older patients with hip fracture and some lessons for other health systems in terms of awareness raising, momentum, the use of transparent national clinical audit and financial incentives. However, we still have a long way to go in terms of embedding fall prevention, identification and treatment of those with bone fragility and secondary prevention of fragility fractures. There may be lessons from this work for other systems such as those in Canada, but colleagues in the English NHS certainly don’t have all the answers despite our efforts! Professor Oliver will be particularly interested in comparing our experiences, good and bad, with those in Canada.