



**World  
Lymphedema  
Day®**  
March 6



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What is World  
Lymphedema  
Day

In 2016, the Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN) petitioned the U.S. Senate and governments around the world for recognition of lymphedema and lymphatic diseases. In response, the U.S. Senate passed a bill establishing March 6 as World Lymphedema Day. The goal is to make lymphedema and lymphatic diseases a global priority, to engage governments and researchers to dedicate themselves to finding advanced treatments and cures, and to address the incredible psycho-social burden of those with lymphedema and lymphatic diseases<sup>1</sup>

**Lymphede  
ma affect  
an est. 15%  
of all cancer  
survivors<sup>1</sup>**

**WHO  
estimates  
that over 250  
million people  
live with  
lymphedema  
in the world<sup>1</sup>**

**Est. 50.000  
primary  
lymphedem  
a patients in  
EU<sup>2</sup>**

**Your  
local  
statisti  
c here<sup>3</sup>**

What is  
lymphedema?

Lymphedema is a chronic lymphatic disease that results in disfiguring swelling in one or more parts of the body. It is an abnormal build up of fluid in the tissues under the skin. It can be hereditary (Primary Lymphedema) or it can occur after a surgical procedure, infection, radiation or other physical trauma (Secondary Lymphedema).<sup>1</sup>

How is it  
treated?

Currently there is no cure. But the golden standard of care is Complete Decongestive Therapy which involves manual lymphatic drainage, exercise, skin care and compression. Self management such as keeping a healthy weight, educating oneself about the condition, reaching out to other patients, knowing the signs and symptoms of an infection and being proactive can help with living with a chronic condition.

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