

## **Lymphedema: Newer Treatment Options Through Research**

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Historically, lymphedema has been viewed by patients, scientists, and clinicians as a pathological failure of tissue plumbing. Newer insights into the disease pathogenesis suggest that the circulatory failure in lymphedema is a late consequence of tissue inflammation. These insights have the capacity to identify new and effective treatment resources. Lymphatic repair is complex and can be augmented both pharmacologically and surgically. Research is leading to enhanced approaches in both arenas.