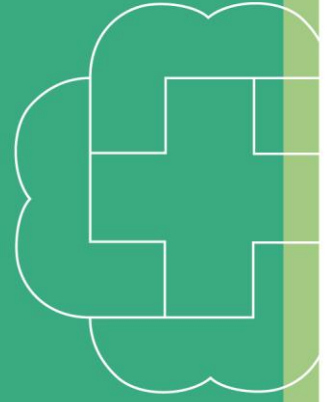


# Lymphedema Therapy



Lymphedema therapy at Bronson is designed for patients that develop abnormal swelling conditions.

## **Lymphedema therapy?**

Untreated lymphedema is irreversible and progressive. As there is no cure, early treatment may slow or stop the progression of the condition. Therapy can prevent disfigurement that occurs with an enlarging limb and reduces the risk of infection and possible hospitalization. Most importantly, the patient and family are instructed in self-maintenance and provided with a program that they will be able to complete independently at discharge. Compression pumps and garments by themselves have not proved effective in reducing swollen limbs.

The following are reasons why lymphedema occurs:

- Abnormal lymph systems from birth
- Chronic venous insufficiency
- Repeated infections
- Liposuction
- Lymph node removal
- Traumatic injury
- Circulatory disorders
- Effects of radiation
- Surgical scarring or post-surgical swelling

## **Why refer your patients to Bronson?**

### Personalized Treatment Plans

Lymphedema treatment involves a non-invasive and gentle technique of manual lymph drainage, compression bandaging, exercise and skin care. These techniques have been used successfully to treat lymphedema in Europe and the U.S. for over 50 years. The effectiveness of this treatment has been well documented in medical journals.

### Specially-Trained Therapists

Bronson Rehabilitation Services is here to assist any of your patients who may have lymphedema in the treatment and management of this condition. Bronson lymphedema therapists have been specially trained in lymphedema treatment.

To refer your patient for lymphedema therapy at Bronson, create an Epic ambulatory referral for Occupational Therapy or fax orders directly to the clinic.

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