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How Will the Lymphedema Treatment Act Affect You?

After more than ten years of lobbying, advocates like Debbie and Clint Labarthe and their grandson, Carson, celebrated the 2022 passage of the Lymphedema Treatment Act with Heather Ferguson, the Founder and Director of the Lymphedema Advocacy Group.

The Lymphedema Treatment Act went into effect on January 1, 2024, and requires Medicare to cover compression garments and other supplies for lymphedema treatment. Other insurers are expected to follow this guidance as well. We can hope this additional coverage will improve understanding and treatment for all lymphedema patients. Thank you to the Labarthe family, Rebecca Hammad, and board members of the LLN and LTA for your lobbying efforts and support of this legislation!

Click for more information from the Lymphedema Advocacy Group



Fare-well but not Good-bye to 30-Year LLN Director Joan White



At our 2023 Lighthouse Lymphedema Network Conference, Director Joan White announced her retirement after 30 years of service with this organization. Joan has directly or indirectly helped thousands of patients find diagnosis and treatment, inspired hundreds of therapists to seek lymphedema certification and additional education, and raised awareness of lymphatic disorders and treatment options around the world. She will continue to attend special events like our conferences, but has nominated a leadership committee to take over her many tasks for the board of directors.

It's the Journey Becomes Georgia Alliance for Breast Cancer

The Lighthouse Lymphedema Network is excited to continue its partnership with It's the Journey - now called the Georgia Alliance for Breast Cancer. Funds raised by this alliance are granted to the LLN to help under-insured patients pay for compression supplies through our Bandages and Garments (BaG) Fund.

Cancer survivors are often at risk for developing lymphedema due to having lymph nodes removed as part of their treatment. Early detection and treatment of both cancer and lymphedema helps to reduce this risk.

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