Good News on Education, Research, and Treatment

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Fibrosis Techniques for Breast Cancer, Lymphedema, and Lipedema

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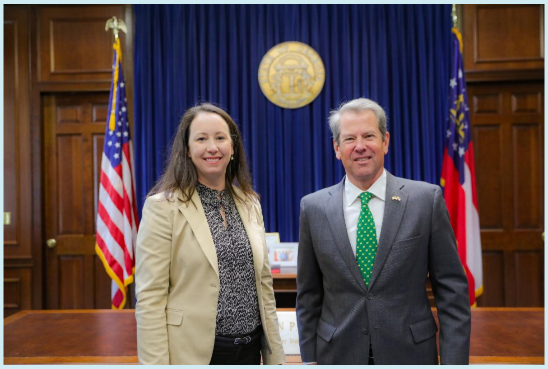
Rebecca Hammad is sworn in by Governor Brian Kemp as she joins the Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy. From left to right: John and Marlene Cherry (Rebecca's parents), Rebecca Hammad, Brian Kemp


Rebecca Hammad and Governor Brian Kemp following Rebecca's appointment to the Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy.

Rebecca Hammad, MHS, OTR/L, CLT, was appointed to the **Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy** by Governor Brian Kemp on Wednesday April 10th at the Georgia State Capitol. The OT Board governs licensing and scope of practice of Occupational Therapists in the state of Georgia.

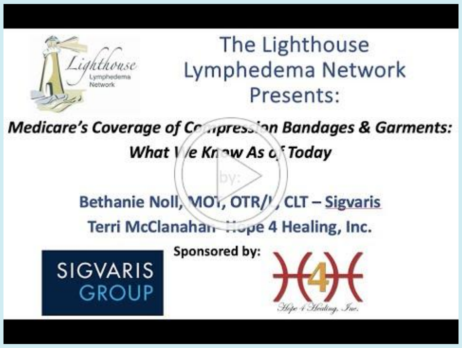
Rebecca has served on the Board of Directors of the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network since October, 2015. She oversees the distribution of all non-grant applications for the LLN's Bandages and Garments Fund.

Join us in congratulating Rebecca on this exciting and important new role!

Webinar Recording Available

Medicare's Coverage of Compression Bandages and Garments- What We Know as of Today

Presented by the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network, Sigvaris Group, and Hope for Healing, Inc.


The Lighthouse Lymphedema Network Presents:

Medicare's Coverage of Compression Bandages & Garments: What We Know As of Today

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More About the LTA

The Lymphedema Advocacy Group lobbied for many years before passage of the **Lymphedema Treatment Act** in 2023. LLN Board members were part of this effort. Learn more at lymphedematreatmentact.org

Exciting News from the LE&RN Organization

On April 22, 2024, Lymphatic Education & Resource Network Co-Founder, Dr. Stanley Rockson, co-chaired the first public meeting of the **National Commission on Lymphatic Diseases** at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. LE&RN has lobbied for this commission for many years, and we hope that their work will shine more light on lymphatic dysfunction research, treatments, and cures.

LE&RN also championed an Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) lymphatic initiative. This month, ARPA-H unveiled an ambitious research program that could forever advance lymphatic diagnostics. Dr. Kimberley Steele is the program manager for LIGHT-ARPA-H, which will focus on **researching Lymphatic Imaging, Genomics, and Phenotyping Technologies**.

Clinical trials and studies allow patients to contribute to scientific research that will improve lymphedema diagnosis and treatment for current and future generations. See if you qualify for current studies and take the **Lymphedema Patient Survey** by clicking on the link to the LE&RN website below.

LE&RN Clinical Trials and Studies

Thank You to the Southern Loss Association!

For many years, the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network has benefitted from the generosity of the Southern Loss Association, an organization formed to train and guide property adjusters for the insurance industry. Fundraising and the **Larry Hart Memorial Golf and Cornhole Outing** resulted in a donation of $5030 to the LLN on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

Pictured from left to right: Susan Freeman (SLA head volunteer), Joan White, Brooke Hill (SLA President), Pauline Meyer, Francine Schwartz Schuler, Beverly Thompson, and Doug White - LLN Board members.

Upcoming Events for Therapists and Patients

GAABC Celebrating Survivors Breakfast – June 4

SuperSize Your Life Expo – June 28 - July 1

Georgia Alliance for Breast Cancer – 2-Day Walk – September 28-29

Lighthouse Lymphedema Network – Conference in Atlanta – October 18-19

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