

Lymphoedema Referral Criteria

You can refer patients with the following conditions:

- **Congenital primary lymphoedema**
(diagnosed by lymphoscintigraphy)
- **Secondary lymphoedema**, as a result of cancer or treatments for cancer, neurological conditions, complex mid-line oedemas (must have been diagnosed prior to referral), upper limb lymphoedema (must have been diagnosed prior to referral)

We are unable to accept the following referrals:

- Lipoedema
- Arterial/venous insufficiency including post thrombotic syndrome
- Ulcerated/leaking legs/wounds
- Lymphoedema secondary to morbid obesity (BMI =>35)
- Non-complex chronic oedema including requests for provision of compression hosiery following compression bandaging by community nurses
- Children under the age of 18
- Out of area referrals

To make a referral, call **01753 848925** or visit **www.thameshospice.org.uk/makeareferral**

Please note: non-cancer related lymphoedema must be present for longer than 3 months. Cancer-related lymphoedema will be accepted prior to this threshold, however, acute causes of swelling must be ruled out prior to referral. This includes cancer recurrence and DVT. This must be stated on the referral form.