



ORGANIZATIONS

International Society of Lymphology

The International Society of Lymphology (ISL) was funded during the First International Symposium of Lymphology in Zurich, July, 1966. Now, in its 47th Year of existence; the Society has some 350 members from 44 nations. Affiliated groups are: The European Society of Lymphology, The German speaking society of Lymphology, The Latin-Mediterranean chapter, The Indian Society of lymphology, The Association de lymphologie de langue Francais, The British lymphology interest group, The Japanese society of lymphology, Club de linfologia (Spain), and The Asociation Argentina de linfologia.

AIMS

The object of the Society is the promotion of all activities which propose to:

Advance and disseminate knowledge in the field of lymphology and allied topics. Stimulate and strengthen experimental and clinical investigation. Establish relations between basic researchers and clinicians working in the field of lymphology. Further personal contact and exchange of ideas among lymphologists. Organize working groups (e.g., lymphology in filariasis, lymphedema treatment, lymphatic imaging, endolymphatic radiotherapy, AIDS-Kaposi sarcoma) or regional chapters. Cooperate with other national and international organizations. Organize international congresses and post-graduate courses.

Sentinel Node Oncology Foundation

The Sentinel Node Oncology Foundation (SNOF) is a non-profit foundation that recruits medical Institutions to participate in the Sentinel Lymph Node Working Group (SLNWG); the SNOF Statistics Center (SNOFSC) collects and manages cancer clinical data from SLNWG members. The mission of the SNOF is to advance the care and

treatment of patients with solid cancers and to help develop new preventative strategies, diagnostics, and treatments. With advancements in cancer care and treatment, cancer survivors today live longer and enjoy a vastly improved quality of life than thought imaginable. Recent discovery has found that the sentinel lymph node in the body is the gateway for cancer to spread. Therefore, the SNOF was created in 2003 on the premise that the next level of cancer research and treatment is to understand more about this important gateway. It is now known that the same type of cancer is different from one person to the other. The genetic signature of cancer of each patient may be determined so that treatment can be tailored to each cancer patient more precisely and efficiently. The SNOF is building a robust sentinel lymph node databank so that the natural history of patients with solid cancer can be accurately defined.

The SNOF is currently in the process of analyzing numerous data points that might lead to information that can aid in determining the chances of survival for different patients diagnosed with cancer. This would lead to more precise treatment recommendations and the avoidance of severe toxic effects from over-treatment.



PROGRAM

Activity Purpose

To allow participants to review current and emerging updates in the understanding of lymphology, the study of the integrated lymphatic system (lymphatics, lymph nodes and lymphocytes) in health and disease, as well as to enhance the translation of basic science into clinical application.

Learning Objectives

After taking part in this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Understand and discuss the general anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology of the lymphatic system and its components (lymphatic vessels, lymph nodes, lymph, and lymphocytes).
2. Differentiate lymphedema from other types of peripheral edema and specifically venous edema and the different treatment options.
3. Highlight some of the latest basic and clinical research in the field of Lymphology.
4. Describe the genetics, diagnosis, and treatment options for hereditary and other primary lymphedemas.
5. Provide the opportunity to practice and enhance clinical skills related to lymphatic disorders.
6. Develop a fundamental appreciation of the burden, spectrum, and etiology of lymphatic disorders worldwide.

Target Audience

This Congress has been designed to meet the educational needs of US and international physicians and researchers involved in all lymphology disciplines, lymphedema and subspecialties including, but not limited to:

Physicians: Surgeons, Radiologists, Medical Specialists, Phlebologists, other Vascular Specialists, and General Practitioners;

Research Scientists: Basic, Clinical, and Translational from multiple disciplines;
Nurses: Generalists, Specialist Breast Care/Oncology Nurses, and Lymphedema Nurses;

Podiatrists; Therapists and Allied Health Professionals: Physical Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Massage Therapists, Social Workers, Laser Therapists, and Health Economists;

Students, Residents, and Fellows: Medical, Nursing, and Graduate

Patient Advocates and Patients: International Advocacy and Support Groups, Legislative Experts, and LSAP graduates.

Method of Participation

This activity will consist of lectures and thought leader discussion with collateral slides, syllabi, and interactive question-and-answer sessions. To receive CME credit, participants are required to complete the enrollment/evaluation form and submit on-site or online. A certificate of credit will be emailed to participants within 6 weeks of receipt of the form

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