

Full Text Screening Questions

Ref ID: _____ Name of Screener: _____

1. Is this study a narrative review, a case study (n=1), a commentary, an editorial, a study of primary lymphedema/filariasis/drug treatments for lymphedema/surgical treatments ALONE for lymphedema?

Yes (STOP)

2. Is this study: (Check all that apply)

A qualitative study (STOP)

A Quality of Life (QOL) assessment of subjects with lymphedema (that does not examine efficacy of a Rx intervention) (STOP)

An incidence/prevalence study of lymphedema following surgery for cancer (STOP)

A study of prevention for lymphedema (ie all subjects do not have lymphedema) (STOP)

An investigation study of lymph flow/lymphatic system with no treatment of diagnosis of lymphedema included (STOP)

None of the above (continue)

3. All or some of the patients have secondary LE or suspected secondary LE and if primary and secondary patients used, results are stratified by primary and secondary LE?

Yes (continue)

No (exclude)

4. Is this study:

Primarily an investigative/exploratory study of a diagnostic method(s) for lymphedema? (STOP)

Article evaluates the Sensitivity/Specificity, Reliability, Validity or Responsiveness of a diagnostic test for LE OR gives data to calculate 2x2 table for test (STOP) (Include)

Not a diagnosis study (continue)

5. Is this a study focusing on the efficacy of a non-surgical/non pharmacological treatment for secondary lymphedema?

Yes (continue)

No (STOP)

6. Is this study a:

RCT (include)

A non-RCT WITH a Control group (include)

No control group/subjects act as their own controls (exclude)