



Lymphatic Education  
& Research Network

# Centers of Excellence

*Welcome* TO A LYMPHATIC EDUCATION & RESEARCH NETWORK (LE&RN) CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF LYMPHATIC DISEASES

## What It Means to Be a Center of Excellence

Where you see a **LE&RN Centers of Excellence** logo, you know you're visiting an institution that sets the highest standard for best practice multidisciplinary care in the management and care of lymphatic diseases (LD) such as lymphedema (LE), lipedema (LI), and lymphatic malformation (LM).

All institutions designated as a **Center of Excellence** have been evaluated by international leaders in an extensive review process.

## Center of Excellence Designations

Each **Center of Excellence** has been awarded a designation corresponding to the level of care provided. To see the full list of services provided by each Center designation, visit the Centers of Excellence link found on the LE&RN website homepage: <https://lymphaticnetwork.org/centers-of-excellence>. There are five designations:



**Comprehensive Center of Excellence (COE)** designation indicates that an institution can provide the listed services on-site, all within the same institution, and can coordinate provision of the services.



**Network of Excellence** designation indicates that an institution and its affiliate institutions (within walking distance) can provide the listed services.



**Referral Network of Excellence** designation indicates that the institution and/or nearby collaborating institutions can provide the listed services, and that these institutions can coordinate provision of the services.



**Lymphatic Disease (LD) Surgery COE** designation indicates that an institution (usually, a cancer care center) can provide the listed surgical services.



**LD Conservative Care COE** designation indicates that an institution can provide the listed conservative care services.

## We Need Your Support to Make the Centers Successful!

Each Center shares LE&RN's commitment to quality care and is dedicated to a team approach of working with LE&RN and Patient Affiliate Boards to continually monitor and improve care. You can help by completing the [Patient Survey](#) at [www.COESurvey.org](http://www.COESurvey.org). Email LE&RN at [COE@LymphaticNetwork.org](mailto:COE@LymphaticNetwork.org) with any questions.

## Join LE&RN's International Patient Registry

This registry is a confidential database that is a crucial resource for researchers seeking treatments and cures for lymphatic diseases. Please join at the link provided:  
<https://lernregistry.stanford.edu/>

## Additional Resources for the LD/LE Community

At LE&RN, our goal is to bring you resources that help improve the quality of life for people who have lymphatic diseases (LD). Go to [LymphaticNetwork.org](http://LymphaticNetwork.org) for ways to get educated and connected to the community:

- Access to an extensive printable library of [Resource Downloads](#)
- LE&RN [Educational Videos](#) filled with presentations from world experts
- [Ask the Experts](#), an online forum where you ask experts your question
- A [Virtual Expo](#) where you can learn about LE/LD care products
- Sign up for [E-Newsletters](#) to stay informed and connected to the community
- Read [Your Stories](#), written by those with LD from around the world
- Celebrate [World Lymphedema Day](#), March 6
- Join or start a LE&RN [Chapter](#) in your region, state, or country

## Become a Supporting Member of LE&RN

LE&RN is *your* organization and survives because of *your* investment. Please become a LE&RN Supporting Member today so that we can all continue our strides forward for the lymphatic community:  
<https://lymphaticnetwork.org/supporting-member>



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