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8<sup>th</sup> NLN International Conference

## **Lymphedema: Riding the Wave of Discovery**

**August 27 – 31, 2008**

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**San Diego, CA:** The 8<sup>th</sup> NLN International Conference, *Lymphedema: Riding the Wave of Discovery*, will take place August 27 – 31, 2008 in San Diego, CA at the Sheraton San Diego.

Presented by the National Lymphedema Network (NLN), this premiere biennial educational conference is the only one of its kind in the United States, focusing solely on the lymphatic system, including lymphedema and related disorders.

**Ample opportunities for learning from and networking with specialists and suppliers** in the field are a highlight of NLN conferences. The NLN welcomes all interested physicians, scientists, geneticists, nurses, physical, occupational and lymphedema therapists. **Explore the field of lymphology and help save lives.**

**Why?** Because every cancer patient who has lymph nodes removed and/or radiation is at-risk (for the rest of their lives) of developing lymphedema (secondary). It is estimated that nearly **25-35% of all cancer survivors (such as breast, prostate, gynecological, melanoma, head and neck)** will develop lymphedema in their lifetime. Lymphedema is chronic, often incapacitating, disfiguring, and is potentially life-threatening if left untreated. Yet until very recently, the American medical community paid little or no attention to this condition. NLN Conferences offer unique opportunities for intensive cutting-edge education in the understanding and treatment of the lymphatic system, lymphedema and related disorders.

### **4 and 6-Hour Pre-Conference Seminars offered:**

- *Physician Intensive Level I: Lymphedema Management for the Practicing Physician (6 Hours)*
- *Wound Care for the Lymphedema Practitioner*
- *Management of the Patient with Morbid Obesity & Lymphedema*

### **New this year!**

- *Burn Out for Lymphedema Therapists*

### **CONFERENCE FEATURES:**

- **State-of-the-art studies of the lymphatic system** presented by both national and international speakers; four days of presentations, panel discussions, workshops, posters, roundtable sessions and more; and a full **Exhibit Hall** (for Exhibit and Sponsorship information, visit [www.lymphnet.org](http://www.lymphnet.org) and click on the "Conferences" Link).
- **Topics addressed** include: Physiology/Immunology of the Lymphatic System; Lymphedema and Cancer; Risk-Reduction & Treatment methods; Pediatric & Adolescent Challenges; Truncal and Genital Edema; Diagnostic Approaches; Quality of Life and Psycho-Social Issues; Basic, Applied & Translational Research; Reimbursement Issues; Legislation; Advocacy and more.

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