

Lymphoedema Therapist Interest Group

Minutes

Attendance:

Kim	Lauren
Denise	Berry
Madline	Stockden
Naomi	Bauer
Julie	Richmond
Rachel	Bootsma
Catherine	Hunt
Linda Khong	
Heather	Harmon
Vanessa	Cooke
Maree	Pedaste
Jane	Liu's
Veronika	Talpova
Susan	Rollason
Natasha	Pickering
Kim	Lauren
Beth	Williams

Topic	Lymphoedema Action Alliance
Person presenting	Cathie Hunt
Discussion	Funding for garments in WA
<p>The ALA Equity Group and also the LAA already met regarding this issue. The LAA feels that states should collaborate to lobby for funding under the differing state programs. The <u>ALA</u> (Australasian Lymphology Association) <u>equity group</u> has already meet with the minister for health . All states are very different for service provision and access to care. One focus of the LAA and the ALA equity group is the funding discrepancies between states.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.lymphoedema.org.au/index.cfm//about-us/governance/Committees-&-Representatives/ • http://www.actionalliance.org.au/actions <p>CAEP (Community Aids and Equipment Program) a program that has been working well in WA but recently changed funding allowances for lower limb garments. Some therapists thought they do not have an understanding of lower limb garments so they lowered the funding ceiling. However If you can justify the reason why then you can possibly get more funding for a more expensive garment. The LIG thought the more people that send in a rationale for more expensive garments might lead to change in the funding . It was also suggested that we lobby as a group to increase funding for garmenting.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ http://www.concessions.wa.gov.au/Concessions/Pages/Community-Aids-and-Equipment-Program-(CAEP)---funding.aspx <p>CAEP currently helps disadvantaged people in WA. It will be overridden by the NDIS (National disability Insurance Scheme). The NDIS does not classify lymphoedema as a disability so it could be difficult to get funding this way. We need to consider this for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.ndis.gov.au/index.html <p>The LAA (Lymphoedema action alliance) is also aware and working on the issue of funding discrepancies for lymphoedema services and compression garments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.actionalliance.org.au/actions 	
Conclusion	The funding for lymphedema services is at risk because lymphedema is not classified as a disability and policy makers general lack of understanding of what treatment is required. CAEP is going to be overridden by the NDIS. Focus should be on classification of Lymphoedema. The LAA offered to help draft a letter re CAEP garment funding ceilings. The group would support this.
Action	If anybody would like to know more about the LAA you can contact Cathie or Jenny Pope catherine.hunt@health.wa.gov.au
Action	Any body that would like the LAA to draft a letter please let Cathie know catherine.hunt@health.wa.gov.au
	I have contacted the NDIS and am organizing someone to come and talk to the group. Due to changes in government the roll out for NDIS in the metro area has been paused.

Topic	Bio impedance
Person presenting	Adam
Discussion	Sozo bioimpedance machine to measure lymphoedema
	Faster machine that can be used very quickly to get measurements, it is an app based device that will have regular updates. Seems to be a lot more user friendly. It has good security, data is not stored on the device it is linked with your server /computer. Cost varies but should be under 15k https://www.impedimed.com/products/l-dex-u400/
Conclusion	For more information you can contact: Adam Brown Business Manager Asia Pacific Region Impedimed Ltd Unit 1, 50 Parker Ct Pinkenba, QLD, 4008 Australia abrown@impedimed.com

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Topic	Patient Support Group
Person presenting	Beth
Discussion	Any recourses or assistance in presenting to patient support groups
She has a patient that would like to set a support group and Beth is going to talk to the group and wanted to know what other people are presenting.	
Conclusion	She will direct people to the ALA website for further information.

Topic	Next meeting dates and topics
Person presenting	Belinda
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 8th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rian Corp • October 10th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JUZO / OPAL (Paul Taylor 1300 86 6275) • December 5th
Other suggestions for presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hadamham • TSL • Venous san • Bowfine • BSN (Nicole Butler 0428 964 398) • NIDS 	
Conclusion	Other suggestions will be considered for 2018 meetings.
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Topic	Professional Development Opportunities
Person presenting	
Discussion	Lymphoedema Education Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1 cancelled due to low numbers • Laser training also cancelled • http://www.lymphoedemaedu.com.au/course/index.php?categoryid=2 Lymphworks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Vodder training

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ January 2018 registration open● Lymphoedema Taping<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ January 2018 registration open● http://www.lymphworks.com.au/ <p>Como Physiotherapy Clinic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Rehabilitation for the breast cancer patient<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ https://www.eventbrite.com/e/perth-course-rehabilitation-for-the-breast-cancer-patient-tickets-35552269796?aff=eivtefrnd
Conclusion	Please ensure early registration to avoid cancelation of courses due to low numbers

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Person presenting	
Discussion	
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