

## **Virtual Conferencing is About to Change the Way Lymphedema Patients and Professionals Interact**

Despite pandemic challenges, the 2021 National Lymphedema Conference is going ahead, online, taking advantage of developments in virtual conferencing.

You are invited to the 2021 Virtual  
**National Lymphedema Conference**  
*Moving Evidence into Practice*

DEC 3-4  
ONLINE

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Lymphedema and Lipedema Patients  
Lymphedema Therapists  
RMT's, PT's, OT's, RN's  
Physicians, Oncologists, Surgeons  
Industry Reps, Retailers, Garment Fitters  
Wound, Cancer, Obesity Specialists  
Researchers, Medical Students  
Policy Makers, Social Workers

**AGENDA TOPICS INCLUDE:**

Wounds and Lymphedema, CVI,  
Surgery, Research, Diagnostics,  
Measurement & Evaluation,  
Lipedema, Cellulitis, Obesity, Exercise,  
Introductory Session for New Patients  
Industry-Sponsored Product Education  
Expert Q&A Forums

Visit with representatives from these companies and organizations  
in our virtual exhibit hall - see what's new in products and services



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opening address by  
**Kathy Bates**  
LE&RN Spokesperson &  
Academy Award Winner

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By Brian Daniels  
Directed by  
Mark Armstrong

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Social**

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of this one-act play  
ahead of the general public



**Toronto, Ontario Nov 9, 2021 ([IssueWire.com](http://IssueWire.com))** - Lymphedema is a condition of permanent swelling of one or more areas of the body. There are an estimated one million Canadians living with lymphedema (also referred to as, “chronic edema”), and yet diagnosis and treatment remain widely unknown in the medical community. This causes many patients to feel isolated from lack of treatment and from lack of understanding by others.

The isolating effects that many chronic edema patients live with due to this lack of awareness and services, and to the disfiguring nature of their disorder, have been exacerbated by the pandemic as access to treatment and important support groups has been curtailed. What little opportunity there is to bring this community together has been made more challenging by the inability to gather in person for the much anticipated, biannual educational conference hosted by the Canadian Lymphedema Framework (CLF).

The CLF is a collaborative organization that brings together patients and specialized health care professionals. At this important event, the National Lymphedema Conference, stakeholders come together to share their experiences and keep up with advances in the field.

Despite the pandemic’s challenges to traditional gatherings, the 2021 National Lymphedema Conference is going ahead, online, by taking advantage of developments in the rapidly growing field of virtual conferencing. The event will take place December 3-4, 2021 via a sophisticated and highly interactive virtual event platform that is easy for attendees to access from any web-enabled device. It will feature live-streamed sessions with experts and thought leaders from around the globe and a virtual exhibit hall with live representatives ready to share all the latest in products and services for this patient population. Access to presenters and networking between delegates will be available through question-and-answer forums and using text, audio, and video communication tools.

Because there is no need for a physical meeting space or travel and accommodations, the conference presenters are looking forward to welcoming higher numbers of attendees than ever. This new model can increase the number of people, both patients, and professionals, who might benefit from access to information and networking. As a result, it represents a milestone of accessibility to learning for the lymphedema community.

Knowledge is important for early diagnosis and long-time self-management of lymphedema. The organizers hope this event will positively impact so many more Canadians living with lymphedema who might otherwise be unable to attend if the event were “in person.”

The theme of the conference will be “*Moving Evidence into Practice*,” presented in collaboration with Wounds Canada.

For more information on how to attend, visit the website of the Canadian Lymphedema Framework at <https://canadalymph.ca/conference/>.

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