



Here it is, the moment we have been waiting for!

The launch of the fundraising campaign to provide a BC clinic where patients with Lymphedema will be able to be accurately assessed by experienced physicians; Dr. Elliot Weiss and Dr. Erin Brown with 'state of the art' equipment which you can help provide by donating through this campaign. The clinic will be equipped to provide microsurgery as an additional tool in the management of Lymphedema. Both services will be accessible to patients across the province.

The total amount required for both facilities is \$250,000.00.

You know the old song, "All I want for Christmas"..... for me that line finishes with;

***"The first ever BC designated Lymphedema Clinic & Surgery!"***

To back up this wish I will initiate the campaign by offering to match your donations up to \$25,000.00. Will you help to achieve this goal for the benefit of all those in BC who face the daily challenge of living with Lymphedema?

There are two ways that you can donate:

1. Make a contribution to the BCLA team event.

Here is the link to the VGH Foundation website where the donations can be received [here](#).

Or

2. Join the team and register your own personal fundraising page where you can invite your network of family and friends to support you in this initiative. With Giving Tuesday and Christmas on the horizon, it is the perfect time to ask! Local support groups could also form teams and challenge each other.

Here is how to set up your personal page:

Visit <http://vghfoundation.ca/give/lymphedema>. Click on **Join Team** then follow the prompts to begin building your own personal group page.

Here is a **user guide** to help you build your page. If you have any questions feel free to contact Christine or Sharon at [info@bclymph.org](mailto:info@bclymph.org)

Now I pass the baton to you & your network to see if we can raise sufficient funds to have the clinic open in early 2020.

The list of equipment is currently with the VGH review board. Once it become available, I will post the list for us to follow the progress of purchases.

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