**VGH/UBC Lymphedema Program Referral Process**

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**The Current Process:**

Referrals can be made:

a. Family physicians,
b. Consultant physicians and surgeons
c. Nurse Practitioners

**Dr Elliott Weiss MD, Consultant in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation**

Appropriate patient may include those where there is a need to establish or clarify a diagnosis of lymphedema or lipedema, for medical management issues, and/or other relevant concerns.

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**Dr. Erin Brown MD, PhD. for a referral to the VGH/UBC clinic.** This is for patients who have been diagnosed with Lymphedema, either primary or secondary, and have been consistently using conservative measures for 6 or more months. The multi-disciplinary clinic focuses on disease staging for individuals considering surgical management. The clinic is not accepting Lipedema referrals at this time.

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**What to Expect Following a Referral:**

Appointments will be confirmed by the Clinic staff. Patients are currently seen at the Diamond Health Care Centre at VGH and UBC Hospital. ICG Lymphangiography is currently performed at UBC.

**VGH/UBC Central Lymphedema referral system?**

A central referral system is planned for the future. The clinical team is working on securing ongoing administrative support with this process. Guidelines for therapists may be included at that time.