

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

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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.