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LE&RN Spokesperson Kathy Bates Shares Challenges of Living with Lymphedema

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When acclaimed actor Kathy Bates underwent double mastectomy cancer surgery and the removal of 19 lymph nodes from her left armpit and three from the right side, she also experienced the onset of lymphedema, a notoriously debilitating progressive condition for which there are various treatments, but no known cure.

The *American Horror Story* TV star says she acquired the condition after undergoing the surgery, and recently told Dr. Phil during a televised interview, “You think *American Horror Story* is scary? You should have been in that room with me when the doctors gave me the news.”

Like Bates, unfortunate patients face a lifelong struggle of medical, and sometimes surgical, treatment fraught with potentially lethal complications.

Understanding Lymphedema

Lymphedema occurs when a clear lymphatic fluid builds up in the soft tissues of the body, usually in a limb. For many women who have undergone a mastectomy and/or radiation treatment in the fight against breast cancer, the condition causes a painful and debilitating tightness and swelling of one or both arms.

Unfortunately, the majority of cases are not diagnosed until they are already visually apparent – delaying proactive treatment steps before the condition worsens.

“At [ImpediMed](#), we are passionate about improving the quality of life of these patients and committed to early detection, monitoring, and treatment to prevent lymphedema,” says Richard Carreon, CEO, ImpediMed. “Our [SOZO® Digital Health Platform](#) is the change agent for addressing these challenges.”

Bates Advocates for Lymphedema Education and Awareness

A two-time cancer survivor who is living with lymphedema, Bates now works with advocates at the [Lymphatic Education & Research Network](#) (LE&RN) to raise money and awareness about the condition.

The high-profile actor who hit stardom with films such as *Misery* and *Titanic* has not allowed the condition to stall her career.

ImpediMed is Dedicated to Helping Improve Quality of Life for Breast Cancer Survivors

ImpediMed's SOZO® Digital Health Platform is a non-invasive and FDA-cleared and CE-marked bioimpedance spectroscopy device (BIS) that measures and monitors fluid accumulation in patients with certain conditions resulting from cancer treatment, such as lymphedema.

With SOZO, physicians have a way to help assess which patients are likely to suffer from lymphedema so that proactive treatment can be taken before the condition worsens.

For more information about SOZO contact info@impedimed.com.

About ImpediMed

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